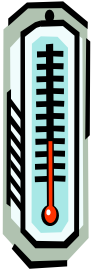


Dendrobium

Dendrobium is a very diverse member of the orchid family. Many will endure both a rest and growth phase during the year and care must be changed accordingly. A Dendrobium's flowers can last for one day or many weeks depending on the type. Enjoy your new orchid by following these basic growing tips below.



Temperature

The ideal day temperature for a Dendrobium is 65-95 degrees F, while the ideal night temperature is 45-95 degrees F. Most require cooler nights while resting.



Light

Strong light is very important for Dendrobiums, particularly as they are maturing. Provide the plant with bright light, but filtered sun. Keep your Dendrobium in an east, south-shaded or west window at home.



Water

Water your Dendrobium just when the plant's potting medium becomes dry. When the plant is inside, it is best to mist the plant during the morning hours, particularly if the air is dry. The plant enjoys 40% to 60% humidity.



Feeding

High nitrogen fertilizers (30-10-10) can be used all year round at one teaspoon per gallon of water. Feed once a month.

Re-potting

Dendrobiums can be repotted when the plant has outgrown the pot (every 2 years) or when the potting medium begins to deteriorate. You may also repot when the mixture becomes sour, does not drain rapidly and is invaded by snow mold or shows green mold on the surface. A coarse medium such as medium-grade Fir-bark, or coarse-grade Fir-bark will work well.