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ORCHID IDENTIFICATION GUIDE



CONGRATULATIONS ADVENTURER!

You've unlocked the Orchid Identification Guide – your ultimate manual for mastering the mystical world of orchids. Prepare to embark on an epic journey where every page brings you closer to becoming a true botanical master. Learn the essential care techniques that help your orchids thrive in any environment and boost your knowledge and skills to unlock new growing adventures.

Even the most seasoned cultivators face challenges on their quest. Should you have any questions about the rare species in our collection, contact our experts at plants@nebg.org. Need general orchid care advice? Our dedicated Massachusetts Master Gardener support team is ready at nebghelpline@massmastergardeners.org.

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Aliceara (al-iss-ee-AR-uh) Hawaiian Nights

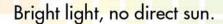
Synonym: Beallara Hawaiian Nights

Parents: Aliceara Winter Wonderland x Oncidium Memoria Dale Lawless

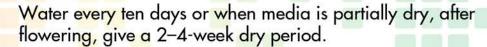
Originator: J.W. McCully, 2014















Winter: 60°F. Summer: 80°F. Humidity: 50%.





Fertilize once per month. Repot in an open, free draining bark mix.



Aliceara (al-iss-ee-AR-uh) Memoria Donald Yamada

Synonym: Beallara Memoria Donald Yamada

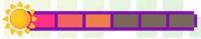
Parents: Aliceara Jay Yamada × Oncidium Fort Point

Originator: J.W. McCully, 2014









Bright light, no direct sun.





Water every ten days or when media is partially dry, after flowering, give a 2-4-week dry period.





Winter: 60°F. Summer: 80°F. Humidity: 50%.





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Aliceara (al-iss-ee-AR-uh) Snowblind 'Sweet Spot'

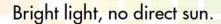
Synonym: Beallara Snowblind 'Sweet Spot'

Parents: Oncidium Black Diamond × Aliceara Tropic Splendor

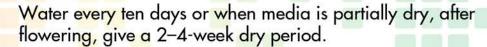
Originator: J.W. McCully, 2010















Winter: 60°F. Summer: 80°F. Humidity: 50%.





Fertilize once per month. Repot in an open, free draining bark mix.



Aliceara (al-iss-ee-AR-uh) Tropic Lily 'Chocolate Drop'

Synonym: Beallara Tropic Lily 'Chocolate Drop'

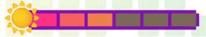
Parents: Oncidium Nichirei Lilac × Aliceara Tropic Splendor

Originator: J.W. McCully, 2007









Bright light, no direct sun.





Water every ten days or when media is partially dry, after flowering, give a 2-4-week dry period.

CLIMATE



Winter: 60°F. Summer: 80°F. Humidity: 50%.





Fertilize once a month. Repot in an open, free draining bark mix.



Brassidium (brass-SID-ee-um) Nittany Gold 'Dr. John'

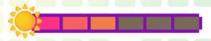
Parents: Brassia verrucosa × Oncidium ghiesbreghtianum

Originator: Dunkelberger, 1987

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Bright light from East-facing window.

WATER



Water 1-2 times per week while in active growth, reduce watering when not.

CLIMATE



Days: 65°-75°F, keep below 85°F during summer. Nights: 55°-65°F. Humidity: 50%-70%.





Fertilize weakly every week, not at all when not actively growing. Repot yearly in coarse potting medium consisting of bark, coconut chips, charcoal, or perlite.



Bratonia (brah-TONE-ee-ah) Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi'

Parents: Brassia verrucosa × Miltonia spectabilis

Originator: C.M. Finch, 1961





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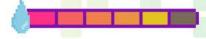






Bright light from an East, West or South window.





Water twice weekly and keep moist.





Day & Summer: 85°F. Night & Winter: 65°F.





Fertilize once per month in summer and every 2 months in winter. Repot in a moss and bark mix after blooming.



Cattleya (KAT-lee-ah) spp.

A tropical American genus of about 45 species of showy-flowered epiphytic orchids.



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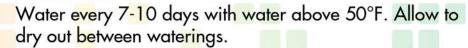






Bright light from a South facing window to full sun.

WATER







Days: 70°-85°F. Nights: 60°-70°F. Humidity: 50%-80%.





Fertilize every two weeks in summer and once a month in winter. Repot every 1-2 years in a moss and bark mix.

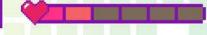


Cattlianthe (kat-LEE-an-thee) Rojo 'Happy Valentine'

Synonym: Laeliocattleya Rojo 'Happy Valentine'
Parents: Guarianthe aurantiaca × Cattleya milleri

Originator: Rod McLellan Co., 1965









Bright light from East, West or South window.





Water every 7-10 days with water above 50°F. Allow to dry out between waterings.

CLIMATE

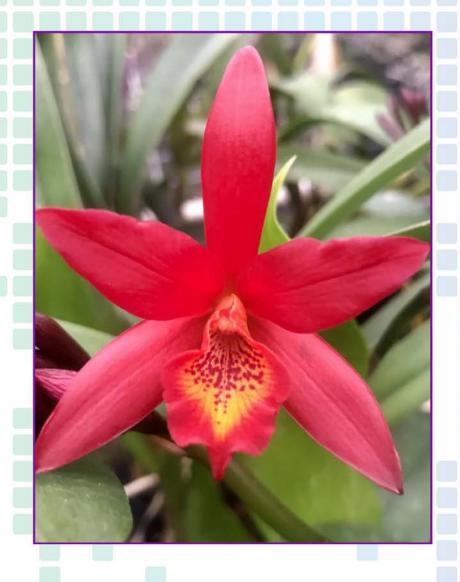


Days: 70°-85°F. Nights: 55°-70°F. Humidity: 50%-80%.





Fertilize every two weeks in summer and once a month in winter. Repot every 1-2 years in a moss and bark mix.



Caulocattleya (Kawl-o-KAT-lee-ah) Spring Fragrance 'Paradise'

Parents: Cattleya Hawaiian Wedding Song x Caulathron bicornutum

Originator: Hawaii Hybrids, 2006

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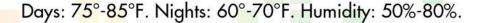


Bright light from East, West or South window.



Water every 7-10 days.









Fertilize every two weeks in summer and once a month in winter. Repot every 1-2 years in a moss and bark mix.



Cymbidum (sim-BID-ee-um) spp.

Native Range: Himalayas to Japan, south to Philippines, and Australia

*Permanent Collection

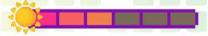


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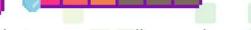






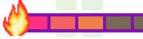
Bright light from East or West-facing window.





Water heavily during summer, allow to almost dry in winter.

CLIMATE



Day: Under 75°F. Night: 55°F. Humidity: 40%-60%.





Use high nitrogen fertilizer, spring through summer, and high phosphorus fertilizer in late summer. Use full-strength fertilizer every 2 weeks when in growth and once a month in winter. Repot every two years with a mix of fir bark and peat.



Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) Bridal Red

Parents: Dendrobium Pink Beauty × Dendrobium Arabian Night

Originator: J. Yamamoto, 2007

INTERMEDIATE









Bright light from East-facing window.

WATER

Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.

CLIMATE



Day: 70-90°F with good ventilation and humidity. Night: 60°F.







Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) Burana Pink

Synonym: Dendrobium Burana Pinkie

Parents: Dendrobium Daflo x Dendrobium Burana White

Originator: N. Buranaraktham, 1999

INTERMEDIATE



Bright light from East-facing window.



Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.











Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) Burana Red Sky

Parents: Unverified

INTERMEDIATE



Bright light from East-facing window.



Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.

CLIMATE

Day: Up to 90°F. Night: 60°F. Requires good ventilation and humidity.





Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) Chocolate Chip

Parents: Dendrobium Micro Chip x Dendrobium normanbyense

Originator: H & R Nursery, 2018





FRAGRANT







Bright light from East-facing window.

WATER



Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.

CLIMATE



Day: Up to 90°F. Night: 60°F. Good ventilation and humidity.

CARE





Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) Genting Rose

Parents: Dendrobium Genting Beauty × Dendrobium Chiunsangon

Originator: Chaw Chin Saw, 1991

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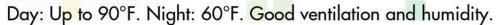


Bright light from East-facing window.

WATER

Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.







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Dendrochilum (den-droh-KYE-lum) glumaceum

Species orchid

Native range: Philippines, Borneo, and Sumatra





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LIGHT



Bright light from East or West-facing window.





Water weekly, do not allow to dry out.

CLIMATE



Days: 85°F. Nights: 60°F. Humidity: 65% + with good airflow.

CARE



Fertilize weakly every 2 weeks during active growth. Repot in a sphagnum moss mix.



Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) johnsoniae × Nida

Parents: Dendrobium johnsoniae × Dendrobium Nida

Originator: P. Buranaraktham, 1996

INTERMEDIATE









Bright light from East-facing window.

WATER



Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.

CLIMATE)



Day: Up to 90°F. Night: 60°F. Good ventilation and humidity.

CARE





Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) Mini Snowflake × Nida

Parents: Dendrobium Mini Snowflake × Dendrobium Nida

Originator: H&R, 2005

INTERMEDIATE









Bright light from East-facing window.

WATER



Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.

CLIMATE



Day: Up to 90°F. Night: 60°F. Good ventilation and humidity.

CARE





Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) nobile

Species orchid

Native range: Chinese to eastern Himalayas, south to Vietnam



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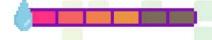






Bright light from East-facing window.





Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.





Day: Up to 90°F. Night: 60°F. Good ventilation and humidity.







Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) Regal Vista

Parents: Dendrobium Regal Gillieston × Dendrobium speciosum

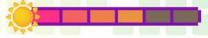
Originator: H & R Nursery, 2018

INTERMEDIATE









Bright light from East-facing window.

WATER



Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.

CLIMATE



Day: Up to 90°F. Night: 60°F. Good ventilation and humidity.

CARE





Dendrobium (den-DROH-bee-um) Winter Pixie

Parents: Dendrobium Mini Snowflake × Dendrobium Micro Chip

Originator: H & R Nursery, 2018

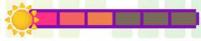




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Bright light from East-facing window.

WATER



Water once a week by running tepid water through the pot, drain well.

CLIMATE



Day: Up to 90°F. Night: 60°F. Good ventilation and humidity.

CARE





Encyclia (en-SIK-lee-ah) tampensis

Species orchid

Native Range: Bahamas, Cuba, and Florida

*Permanent Collection













Bright light from East or West-facing window.





Water 3x a week in warm weather, once a week in cool weather.





Day: 70°-85°F. Night: 55°-70°F. Humidity: 50%-80%.





Fertilize weakly every week. Repot in bark mix.



Epicatarthron (eh-pee-KAT-are-thron) Hilo Adventure

Parents: Cattleya Motte Spot x Epiarthron Kevin Mark Ragbir

Originator: G.Takasaki, 2010





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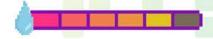






Light from East or West-facing window.

WATER



Water every 2-3 days in summer, media should just approach dryness before watering.

CLIMATE



Day: 70°-75°F. Nights: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 50%.





Fertilize every few weeks during growing season. Repot every 2 years in a medium bark mix.



Epidendrum (ep-ee-DEN-drum) Wedding Valley

Parents: Epidendrum Princess Valley × Epidendrum Pearl Valley

Originator: M. Inamine, 2003

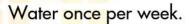
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Bright filtered light from East or West window.





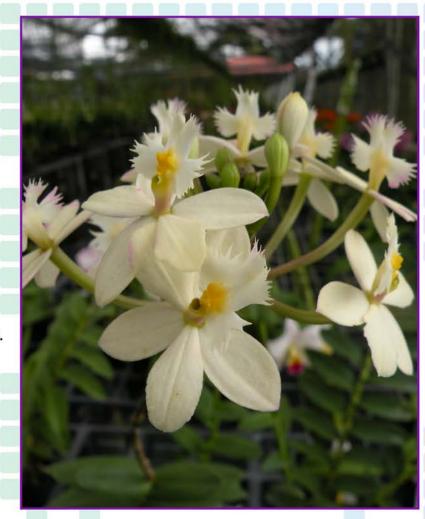


Day: Up to 85°F. Nights: 65°F. Humidity: 65%, good airflow.



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Fertilize weakly one a month during active growth. Repot in a bark and lava rock mix.



Galeopetalum (gal-ee-o-PET-a-lum) Starburst

Parents: Galeottia fimbriata × Zygopetalum Jumpin Jack

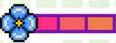
Originator: Unknown







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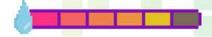






Indirect light from East or West-facing window.





Water every 2-3 days in summer, media should just approach dryness before watering.





Day: 70°-75°F. Nights: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 50%.





Fertilize every few weeks during growing season. Repot every 2 years in a medium bark mix.

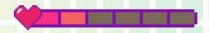


Ianclarkara (EE-en-clark-ar-a) Cheyenne Marie 'Pink Ice'

Parents: Pabanisia Eva's Blue Amazon × Zygolum Louisendorf

Originator: Kalapana Tropicals, 2010





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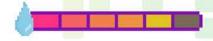






Indirect light from East or West-facing window.

WATER



Water every 2-3 days in summer, media should just approach dryness before watering.

CLIMATE

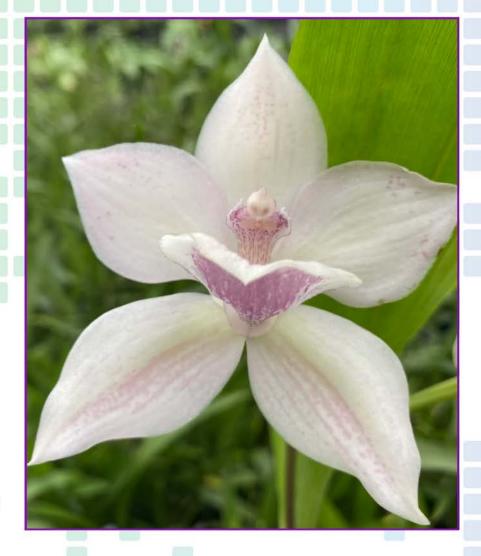


Day: 70°-75°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 50%.





Fertilize every few weeks during growing season. Repot every 2 years in a medium bark mix.



Ionmesa (eye-on-MEJ-a) Popcorn 'Highland'

Parents: Gomesa flexuosa × Ionopsis utricularioides

Originator: Singapore Botanic Garden, 2001









Water daily, allow roots to dry thoroughly.







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Fertilize weakly every 2 weeks, flush salts weekly. Repot every 2 years, porous mix or on a slab.



Oncidesa (on-SID-ayz-ah) Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'

Synonym: Oncidium Sweet Sugar

Parents: Oncidesa Aloha Iwanaga x Gomesa varicosa

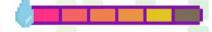
Originator: M. Sato orchids, 1990

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Bright light from East window, no direct sun.





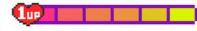
Water 1 or 2 times a week, keep medium slightly moist.





Day: 80°-85°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 30%-60%.





Fertilize once a month. Repot in lava rock and bark mix.



Oncidium (on-SID-ee-um) Pacific Passage 'Handsome'

Synonym: Wilsonara Pacific Passage

Parents: Oncidium Masyao Morisada x Oncidium sphaeceletum

Originator: Okika, 2006

INTERMEDIATE







LIGHT



Bright light from East window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water 1 or 2 times a week, keep medium slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 80°-85°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 30%-60%.





Fertilize once per month. Repot in sphagnum moss and bark mix.



Oncidium (on-SID-ee-um) Tsiku Marguerite

Parents: Oncidium Twinkle × Oncidium sotoanum

Originator: Tsiku Taiwan Orchids, 2000

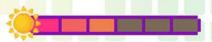












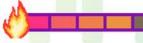
Bright light from East facing window, no direct sun





Water once or twice a week, keep slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 80°-85°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 30-60%.





Fertilize once per month. Repot in sphagnum moss and bark mix.



Oncidium (on-SID-ee-um) Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'

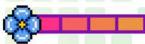
Parents: Oncidium cheirophorum × Oncidium sotoanum

Originator: W.W.G. Moir, 1958





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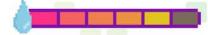






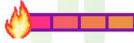
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Water once or twice a week, keep slightly moist.





Day: 80°-85°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 30-60%.





Fertilize once per month. Repot in sphagnum moss and bark mix.



Oncidopsis (on-sid-OP-sis) Crimson Pride

Parents: Oncidopsis Pacific Waters × Oncidium Petite Shine

Originator: J.W. McCully, 2012

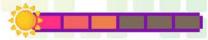
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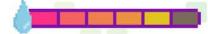






Bright light from East facing window, no direct sun.





Water once or twice a week, keep slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 80°-85°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 30-60%.





Fertilize once per month. Repot in lava rock and bark mix.



Oncidopsis (on-sid-OP-sis) Francine 'Roseglow'

Parents: Miltoniopsis Maui Titan × Oncidopsis Edna

Originator: J.W. McCully, 2012

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Bright light from East-facing window, no direct sun.





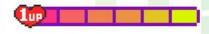
Water once or twice a week, keep slightly moist.





Day: 80°-85°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 30-60%.





Fertilize once per month. Repot in lava rock and bark mix.



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Parents: Oncidopsis Francine × Miltoniopsis Pearl Ono

Originator: J.W. McCully, 2012

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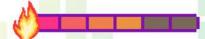
Bright light from East facing window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water once or twice a week, keep slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 80°-85°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 30-60%.





Fertilize once per month. Repot in lava rock and bark mix.



Oncostele (on-KOH-stee-lee) Eye Candy 'Pinkie'

Synonym: Wilsonara Eye Candy 'Pinkie'

Parents: Oncostele Catatante x Oncostele Barossa Delight

Originator: Okika, 2010

INTERMEDIATE



Bright light from East facing window, no direct sun.

WATER

Water once or twice a week, keep slightly moist.





Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°-60°F. Humidity: 50%-75%.







Oncostele (on-KOH-stee-lee) Hilo Firecracker 'Lucky Strike'

Parents: Oncostele Catatante x Oncostele Aloha Sparks

Originator: J. Fang, 2010

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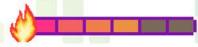
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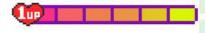
Water once or twice a week to keep slightly moist.

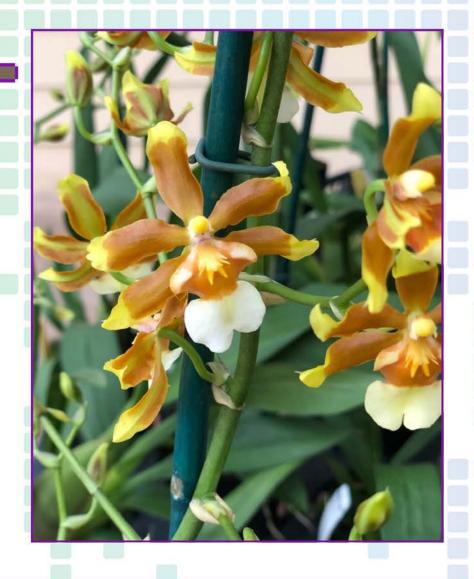




Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°-65°F. Humidity: 50%-75%.







Oncostele (on-KOH-stee-lee) Wildcat '#13'

Synonym: Ondontocidum Wildcat

Parents: Oncostele Rustic Bridge × Oncidium Crowborough

Originator: Rod McClellan Co., 1992

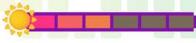
INTERMEDIATE











Bright light from an East-facing window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water once or twice a week to keep slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°-65°F. Humidity: 50%-75%.







Oncostele (on-KOH-stee-lee) Wildcat 'Bobcat'

Synonym: Ondontocidum Wildcat

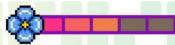
Parents: Oncostele Rustic Bridge × Oncidium Crowborough

Originator: Rod McClellan Co., 1992

INTERMEDIATE











Bright light from an East-facing window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water once or twice a week to keep slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°-65°F. Humidity: 50%-75%.







Oncostele (on-KOH-stee-lee) Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'

Synonym: Ondontocidum Wildcat

Parents: Oncostele Rustic Bridge × Oncidium Crowborough

Originator: Rod McClellan Co., 1992

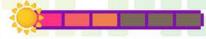
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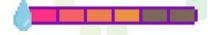






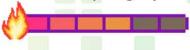
Bright light from an East-facing window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water once or twice a week to keep slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°-65°F. Humidity: 50%-75%.







Oncostele (on-KOH-stee-lee) Wildcat 'Rainbow'

Synonym: Ondontocidum Wildcat

Parents: Oncostele Rustic Bridge × Oncidium Crowborough

Originator: Rod McClellan Co., 1992

INTERMEDIATE











Bright light from an East-facing window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water once or twice a week to keep slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°-65°F. Humidity: 50%-75%.







Oncostelopsis (on-KOHS-tel-op-sis) Brazilian Sun 'Samba'

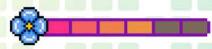
Parents: Oncidopsis Pacific Waters x Oncostele Sunup

Originator: J.W. McCully, 2014

INTERMEDIATE



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LIGHT



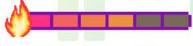
Bright light from an East-facing window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water once or twice a week to keep slightly moist.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°-65°F. Humidity: 50%-75%.







Paphiopedilum (paff-ee-oh-PEE-di-lum) Green Leaf Group

Common name: Slipper orchid

FACT FILE

Group of cooler-growing species that occur at higher elevations and produce one to two flowers at a time.

INTERMEDIATE







Bright light from East-facing window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water once per week, keep moist, but never dry.

CLIMATE



Day: 70°-80°F. Night: 55°-60°F, will tolerate between 40°-90°F. Humidity: 40%-50%, higher when in bud.





Fertilize once a month. Repot annually in mix of fir bark, coconut chips and sphagnum moss.



Paphiopedilum (paff-ee-oh-PEE-di-lum) Maudiae hybrids

Parents: Paphiopedilum callosum × Paphiopedilum lawrenceanum

Originator: Charlesworth Ltd.

FACT FILE

Group of slipper orchid hybrids with spotted leaves and blooms of white, pink, or red, some with green spots.

INTERMEDIATE

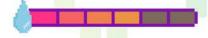






Bright light from East window, no direct sun.

WATER



Water once per week, keep moist, but never dry.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 60°-65°F. Humidity: 40%-70% with good air circulation.

CARE



Fertilize once a month. Repot annually in mix of fir bark, coconut chips and sphagnum moss.



Phalaenopsis (fayl-eh-NOP-siss) spp.

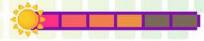
Common name: Moth orchid

Native range: New Guinea, Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

BEGINNER







Bright light from an East, South or West window.

WATER



Water thoroughly but allow to dry between waterings. Water in morning to prevent root rot.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: Above 60°F. Humidity: 50%-80%. Temperatures below 55° in fall will initiate blooming.





Fertilize every 2 weeks with high nitrogen fertilizer when in active growth. Use a high phosphorus fertilizer prior to blooming. Repot every 1-3 years in a porous bark mix.



Rhynchostylis (rink-oh-STYE-liss) gigantea Red

Species orchid

Native range: Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Malaysia



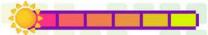




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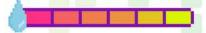






Lots of bright light from an East, South or West window.





Water thoroughly daily.





Day: 75°-85°F. Night: Above 55°F. Humidity: 60%-80% with good air circulation.





Fertilize weekly with a weak solution. Grow in a basket with no potting medium.

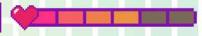


Tsubotaara (sue-BOH-tah-are-ah) Melinda Marie 'Blue Fairy'

Parents: Pabanisia Eva's Blue Amazon × Zygonesia Cynosure

Originator: Kalapana Tropicals, 2010

INTERMEDIATE



FRAGRANT

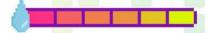






Light from East or West window, tolerates some shade.

WATER



Water thoroughly daily.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°F-65°F. Humidity: 50%-80%.

CARE



Fertilize at full strength in spring, summer, and fall; weakly in winter. Repot in coconut chips, bark, and perlite any season but winter.



Wilhelmara (will-HELM-are-ah) Shibumi

Parents: Rhynchonia Honolulu Rain × Bratonia Charles M. Fitch

Originator: J.W. McCully, 2010

INTERMEDIATE







Bright light from East or West-facing window.

WATER



Water once or twice a week during active growth, less in winter.

CLIMATE



Day: 75°-85°F. Night: 55°F-65°F. Humidity: 50%-80%.

CARE



Fertilize at full strength in spring, summer, and fall; weakly in winter. Repot in coconut chips, bark, and perlite any season but winter.

