



DENDROBIUM



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Dendrobium are among the easiest orchids to grow under most conditions and rewards the beginner with spray of vividly coloured long-lasting flowers in exchange for minimal care. Individual flowers last six to eight weeks.

TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY — The recommended temperature range is 60-85°F, but temperature a few degrees higher or lower are acceptable. Humidity of 50-60°F is ideal. In climate with lower humidity, mist the plant on hot, dry days.

LIGHTS — Direct filtered sun is essential for flowering, but provide 30-70% shade during midday.

WATERING — Thoroughly soak the potting medium, then allow it to dry before watering again.

FERTILIZING — Apply a balance fertilizer on a regular basis. For active plant growth, apply 30-10-10 at recommended rates. A bloom booster may encourage flowering. More frequent fertilizing is good under high temperature and light conditions.

POTTING — Many dendrobium, grow and flower better when left undisturbed in a relatively small container. Choose a potting material that will not decompose quickly. Mixture of fir bark and inorganic material (lava rock) have yielded positive result. When repotting, avoid planting the growths too deeply in the mix because the bulbs will not grow easily if covered with mix.

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