



# CATTELEYA



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Today, more than ever before, the species and hybrids of the Cattleya alliance enjoy the position of being the most popular orchids in the world. **LIGHT**—Sufficient light is important for healthy growth and flowering. In the home, Cattleyas will prefer an eastern, or lightly shaded southern exposure. Foliage should be a medium olive green.

**TEMPERATURE**—Nights of 50-60°F, days of 70-85°F. Cattleyas can tolerate temperature up to 95-100°F. If shading, humidity, and air circulation are increased.

**WATERING AND HUMIDITY**—Allow the plants to become nearly dry before watering. Seeding need more constant water. Adequate humidity is essential to the successful culture of Cattleyas. A range from 40-60% humidity is generally recommended. Humidity can be increased by placing on a grid over a water- and gravel-filled tray, or can be misted.

**FERTILIZING**—Must be fertilized regularly with a solution of a complete fertilizer such as 20-20-20 twice a month.

**POTTING**—The mix in which cattleyas are potted should be moderately coarse and freely draining such as fir bark, various types of rock or processed coconut fiber.

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