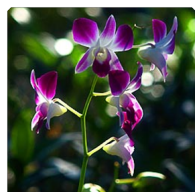


Dendrobium Orchid - Plant



Some of the most popular orchid plants among home growers are Dendrobium orchid plants. These showy flowers are relatively easy to grow, with a central long stem and an attractive spray of flowers that can last up to four weeks.

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Description

Description for Dendrobium Orchid

Dendrobium orchids belong to a large and diverse genus with different cultural needs; therefore, it is difficult to be specific about cultivation. The genus is comprised of some 1000+ species.

They are evergreen with thin, tall stems (pseudobulbs).

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Dendrobium Phalaenopsis,Dendrobium Orchid (White),Dendrobium infundibulum	Purple-White	February - June	0.50 to 4.00 feet	easy to grow

Planting and care

Deciduous types lose their leaves during the dry season in nature; therefore, withhold water in the late fall and early winter to mimic natural conditions and stimulate blooming for these types. During the summer plants should be kept fairly wet and may be placed outdoors, hanging under the shade of trees.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Dendrobium can tolerate full morning sun followed by an afternoon of shade.	well-drained soil	Water about once a week: its best to allow medium to almost dry out between watering. Check the medium with your finger - if you feel moisture do not water. Do not let stand in water.	18 C to 25 C	Any balanced orchid fertilizer can be used to fertilize your orchid. Feed weakly (1/4 strength) weekly works well for dendrobiums. Once a month use clear water to flush any accumulated salts from the potting mix.

Caring for Dendrobium Orchid

- One of the more light-tolerant orchids, the Dendrobium can tolerate full morning sun followed by an afternoon of shade.
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- Water about once a week: it's best to allow medium to almost dry out between watering.
- When your orchid is blooming, fertilizer is not needed. During growth phase (summer), add a balanced fertilizer (12-12-12) at one-quarter strength with every other watering. Stop fertilizing in fall.
- Orchids can double in size in a year with the correct growing conditions.
- Emerging in February, Dendrobium orchid blooms tend to last about 6 weeks, and re-bloom in cool temps up to 3 times a year.

Typical uses of Dendrobium Orchid

Special features: Dendrobium orchids make good house plants. Because their blooms are long-lived, they are used as cut flowers.

Ornamental use: Mostly used for ornamental purpose and cut flowers.

Medicinal use: Along with their pretty colors and decorative qualities, growing dendrobiums at home can eradicate pollutants and toxins from the air and create a clean environment.

References

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