

## Phalaenopsis sp. - Plant



Phalaenopsis /ḦŒfÁiláµ»ĚˆnĚ'psĚás/ Blume (1825), known as moth orchids, abbreviated Phal in the horticultural trade, is an orchid genus of approximately 60 species. Phalaenopsis is one of the most popular orchids in the trade, through the development of many artificial hybrids. It is native to southern China, Taiwan, the Indian Subcontinent, Southeast Asia (Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, etc.), New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago, and Queensland.

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Description

### Description for Phalaenopsis sp.

Common name Moth Orchid	Flower colours pink.	Bloom time Late winter through the spring.	Height Upto one meter long	Difficulty Easy.
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### Planting and care

Sunlight prefer dappled light (an east or west facing windowsill behind a net curtain is ideal).	Soil They should be potted in a more typical houseplant mix that holds some moisture but still drains well.	Water Do not let the soil dry out.	Temperature A minimum temperature of 20Å°C (68Å°F).	Fertilizer Give a quarter strength fertiliser once a month.
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### Caring for Phalaenopsis sp.

Too much bright light can burn the leaves and turn the plants yellowish while too little will result in plants with soft leaves that don't flower. Repot after flowering. Don't over pot; wash the old compost from the roots before working the new compost gently and firmly around the roots.

## Typical uses of Phalaenopsis sp.

### Special features:

**Ornamental use:** Phals do very well as houseplants and will grow and flower in a moderately bright windowsill.

## References

<http://www.orchid.org.uk/phalcult.htm> <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/houseplants/easy-orchids-to-grow-as-houseplants/>