

Paphiopedilum

Also known as the **Slipper Orchid**

Temperature: 15°-28°C (59°-82°F)

Light: These orchids like bright light but will also tolerate light shade during the summer months. Keep in bright light during winter.

Watering: Best kept evenly moist all year round, but never leave stood in water or let them become water-logged. Water every 7-10 days. They also like high humidity during summer, so mist every day taking care to ensure water doesn't settle in the centre of the plant. Standing the pot on a saucer or tray of damp gravel will help keep humidity up.

Feeding: Feed once every 2 weeks in summer and once every 4-6 weeks in winter using a suitable orchid fertiliser.

Re-potting: Do this once every two years or so in the spring to replace the compost. Re-pot using a good, open grade orchid compost mixed with a small amount of sphagnum moss to help keep some moisture in the pot. Use a mix of 9 parts bark to 1 part moss.

If you require any further information please ask a member of our staff.



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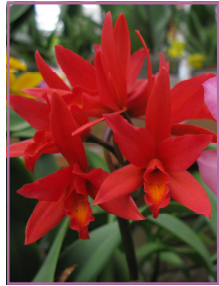


Guide to growing Cattleya, Paphiopedilum & Miltonia Orchids



Cattleya Orchids

This family group of orchids are often called **Chocolate Box** orchids as the picture on the packaging are usually of these fantastically showy orchids.



Temperature: 12°-28°c (53°-82°f)

Light: These orchids need good, bright light but do not like direct sunlight during the summer months.

Watering: Cattleya's need plenty of water and humidity during the summer, about once a week. Stand the pot on a saucer or tray of damp gravel and this will help keep the humidity up as well as a regular misting with rain water.

It is essential that Cattleya's are given a **no water** period from mid October to the following March.

This is called the rest period.

Moving them to the cooler end of the temperature scale will prevent them drying out completely during this period.

Feeding: Start feeding from March until September, once every two weeks with a suitable orchid fertiliser. From September to mid October, feed once every two weeks with **half strength** tomato feed.

Re-potting: This should be done during spring when the plants have out grown or mis-shaped their pot. Re-pot using a large grade orchid compost or bark.

REMEMBER! No water or feed from mid October to March as the plants are not in active growth.

Miltonia

Miltonia's are part of the Cambria family of orchids and are also known as the **Pansy Orchid** due to their patterned faces.

Temperature: 15°-25°c (59°-77°f)

Light: Miltonia's require a bright situation with protection from the sun during flowering and the summer months, as it easily damages the large delicate blooms.

Watering: Water regularly during the summer months once every 7-10 days, but take care not to overwater. If in doubt wait a couple of days and then water.

Feeding: Feed once every 2 weeks during spring and summer using a suitable orchid fertiliser. Reduce to once a month during winter.

Re-potting: Re-pot in spring, once every 2-3 years using a slightly larger pot (but not too large) and a large grade orchid compost.