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## *Brassia* and *Brassia* Intergenerics

**General information:** Brassias have been nicknamed “spider orchids” because of the unusual shape of their blooms. *Brassia* Intergenerics are usually not as spidery but are star shaped; they include *Brassidium*, *Miltassia*, *Aliceara*, *Beallara*, and *Degarmoara*. Stems carry 4 to 10 blooms lasting 4 to 6 weeks. Brassias are gold to green with brown, maroon or purple speckling or barring. *Brassia* Intergenerics are more colorful, available in burgundy, yellow, white, pink and purple as well as *Brassia* colors. *Brassia* bloom in late spring and summer; Intergeneric blooming season is broader.

**Temperature:** Brassias like day temperatures of 18 to 24°C (65 to 75°F), and night temperatures of 15 to 18°C (60 to 65°F). *Brassia* Intergenerics will tolerate a slightly wider range of temperatures. Keep out of drafts.

**Light:** Brassias prefer the medium to high light of an east, west or shaded south window. South windows are not recommended for *Brassia* Intergenerics.

**Watering:** Water generously. Let medium approach dryness. Do not allow to dry out. Water every 3 to 5 days when plant is in active growth or in warmer household. In cooler homes water every 5 to 7 days.

**Fertilizing:** Fertilize at ¼ to ½ strength with 28-14-14 at every watering to promote new growth. When new growth matures, start fertilizing with 10-30-20 at half strength to promote flowering.

**Re-blooming:** With proper care, flower stem develops at the base of maturing new growth.

**Repotting and potting medium type:** Repot every 12 to 24 months, as required. A coarse free-draining potting mix, predominantly medium grade fir bark and coarse perlite, is recommended.