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Catasetum

Catasetum have white to cream flowers, some with burgundy red speckles. The speckling on some flowers may be so dense as to give the impression of a dark burgundy flower. The large, waxy, very unusual flowers are not long lasting. This is one of the few orchids to have separate male and female flowers. Flowers often self pollinate; the seedpod will split in about 8 weeks. It is preferable to remove the seed pods to reduce stress to the plant.

Light: Moderate to high light, higher light is more likely to produce female flowers.

Temperature: Warm growing.

Watering: Water every 5 to 7 days in a 2 to 3" pot, keep evenly moist but not wet until new growth matures. Reduce watering until flower stem appears.

Fertilizing: Fertilize with 28-14-14 at half strength, every other watering. Fertilize with 10-30-20 when the new growth is nearly mature.