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## *Colmanara*

This is an intergeneric hybrid containing 3 different genera of orchids: *Miltoniopsis*, *Odontoglossum*, and *Oncidium*. These elegant plants generally have yellow blooms with brown markings. The long upright stem carries 5 to 20 blooms lasting between 4 to 8 weeks. On mature plants, the stem may branch increasing the number of flowers.

**Temperature:** Average household temperatures of 18 to 27°C (65 to 80°F) during the day, night 14 to 18°C (60 to 65°F). Keep out of drafts.

**Light:** *Colmanaras* like low to medium light. Brighter north or east facing window or west facing window with sheers curtains are best.

**Watering:** Water generously. Let medium approach dryness. Do not allow drying out. Water every 5 to 7 days when plant is in active growth or in a warmer household. In cooler homes, water every 8 to 9 days. Do not let plant stand in water.

**Fertilizing:** Fertilize at half 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:** *Colmanaras* bloom on mature new growth. They require a cool period of temperatures between 13 and 18°C (55 to 64°F) to bloom. This is usually easily achieved by placing on a cool windowsill.

**Repotting and potting medium type:** Repot every 12 to 24 months, as required. Use a fresh medium grade fir bark and charcoal mixture.