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Dendrobium kingianum and Hybrids

Native to Australia, *Dendrobium kingianum* grows attached to rocks. They are available in colors varying from bright pink to white. Blooms are fragrant. *Den. kingianum* hybrids are often star-shaped, may be fragrant, and are available in white to bright pinks, some with uncommon patterns. Blooming season lasts from mid-winter to spring.

Temperature: Average household temperature of 18 to 22°C (65 to 77°F) during the day and 14 to 20°C (60 to 68°F) at night.

Light: *Den. kingianum* are fairly sun-tolerant, so they can go in any window but north. If a red cane (growth) appears, you know they're getting just the right amount of light.

Watering: *Den. kingianum* prefer medium to high humidity. Water every 10 to 14 days. They should dry out between watering in fall. Do not let stand in water.

Fertilizing: Fertilize at half strength every watering. Use high nitrogen when new growth appears, and high phosphorous to enhance blooming when growths are nearly mature.

Re-blooming: Cut down on watering in the fall after new growth matures and move to a bright location.

Repotting and potting media: Repot every 2 years into a pot large enough for 2 more years of growth. Azalea pots work well because they are shallower. Do not overpot. Use fine bark, charcoal perlite mix.