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Howeara

This is an intergeneric hybrid containing 3 different genera of orchids: *Oncidium*, *Rodriguezia*, and *Leochilus*. These smaller yet elegant plants reward their growers with a prolific spray of bright red flowers. The long arching stem carries 10 to 20 flowers lasting 5 to 9 weeks. On mature plants the inflorescence branches, increasing the number of flowers.

Temperature: *Howeara* like household temperatures of 19 to 27°C (65 to 80°F) during the day, and night temperatures of 16 to 20°C (61 to 68°F). *Howeara* can tolerate higher daytime temperatures if there is adequate airflow around the plants. Keep out of drafts.

Light: *Howeara* prefers the medium light of east or west windows for brighter windows a sheer curtain is required. Leaves normally vibrant green, will bleach if plant gets too much light or darken if not enough light is given.

Watering: Water generously. Let medium approach dryness. Do not allow to dry out. Do not let stand in water. Water every 3 to 5 days when plant is in active growth or in a warmer household. In cooler homes, water every 5 to 7 days. Use a humidity tray to increase local humidity.

Fertilizing: Fertilize at ¼-1/2 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: Under the proper care, flower stem develops on mature new growth. Mature plants can bloom 2 to 3 times a year.

Repotting and potting medium type: A coarse free-draining mixture of medium grade fir bark and coarse perlite that dries rapidly is recommended. Repot every 12 to 24 months, as required.