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Ludisia discolor

Commonly called the Jewel Orchid, *Ludisia* is prized for its dark velvety foliage. The small white flowers are open sequentially on an upright flower stem. Blooming will last 3 to 4 weeks. This plant is a vigorous grower which is stunning in a hanging basket.

Temperature: *Ludisia* likes average household temperatures 18 to 24°C (65 to 75°F) and appreciates nights a few degrees cooler, but will grow at any temperature above 10°C (50°F). Keep out of draft.

Light: These plants will thrive in low to moderate light and do best in bright north or east facing windows. Leaves get lighter in color if given too much light.

Watering: Water weekly, allowing slight drying between watering. Do not let stand in water.

Fertilizing: Fertilize at half strength with 20-20-20 at every watering. To promote blooming, fertilize with 10-30-20 at half strength.

Re-blooming: *Ludisia* blooms on new growths, given proper care. For optimal blooming, use bloom booster as indicated above.

Repotting and potting medium type: Use a fresh orchid potting mixture containing peat, perlite and fine grades fir bark. Repot every 2 to 3 years or as plant growth requires.