



Surrey, BC, Canada
www.willgro.ca

Miltoniopsis

Commonly called the “pansy orchid”, *Miltoniopsis* has a gently arching stem that displays 3-8 large flowers. Blooms may last for 4 to 6 weeks and are available in whites, soft yellows, creams, pinks, and reds. Some varieties are fragrant, especially so when exposed to bright but indirect light. This orchid has a varied blooming season, peaking in spring to early summer.

Temperature: *Miltoniopsis* prefer cool to average household temperatures, 18 to 22°C (65 to 72°F) during the day, night 16 to 19°C (60 to 67°F). Keep out of draft.

Light: Prefers low light conditions, such as north or east facing window or west window with sheer curtains. Leaves normally pale green, but will bleach if plant gets too much light or darken if not enough light is given.

Watering: Keep medium evenly moist. Do not let dry out. Water every 3 to 5 days when plant is in active growth or in warmer households. In cooler homes, water every 5 to 7 days. Leaves may develop accordion folds due to medium being kept too dry or unhealthy roots (rot) which are unable to take up water. Do not let plant stand in water and never mist the blooms as this will damage them.

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: Night temperatures of 8°C (15°F) cooler than day temperatures are required for these plants to bloom on maturing new growths.

Repotting and potting medium type: Repot every 12 to 24 month, as required. Use a fresh mixture of fine to medium fir bark, charcoal, coarse perlite and, if desired, chunky peat.