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Odontoglossum, Odontioda and Burrageara

These elegant plants come in every color combination imaginable. The long upright or arching stems often exhibit between 5 and 20 flowers lasting 4 to 8 weeks. As plant matures blooming time and presentation improves. Blooming season is generally late winter to early summer. Mature specimens may bloom twice a year.

Temperature: Plants are grown indoors, over winter. They prefer cooler temperatures, 18 to 22°C (65 to 72°F) during the day, night 13 to 18°C (55 to 65°F). Outdoors, they can tolerate temperatures of 7 to 28°C (45 to 82°F). Avoid frost. These plants appreciate lots of air movement, especially at higher temperatures. Keep out of draft.

Light: The low to intermediate light of a bright north or east facing window or a shaded west window are best. Too much light will result in red pigment on the leaves and pseudobulbs.

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

Fertilizing: Fertilize at half strength with 28-14-14 at every watering to promote new growth. To promote blooming, fertilize with 10-30-20 at half strength.

Re-blooming: Night temperatures of 8°C (15°F) cooler than day temperatures are required for these plants to bloom on mature new growths. Place orchid outside in early summer until early fall, on north or east side.

Re-potting and potting mixture: Repot every 12 to 24 months, as required. Use fresh fine fir bark and charcoal mixture for plants in pots smaller than 5 inch. For mature plants, use a mixture of fresh medium fir bark and charcoal.