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## *Phaius*

Many species and hybrids of Phaius or Nun's orchid, are fragrant. These orchids produce 10 to 20 large flowers on an upright stem, lasting 4 to 8 weeks. Flowers are usually a rich terracotta color, sometimes yellow, and the black of the flower offers a striking white contrast. Generally blooms in the spring. These plants have deciduous leaves.

**Temperature:** Warm to intermediate household temperatures 20 to 26°C (68 to 80°F) during the day, and 15 to 22°C (60 to 70°F) at night. Keep out of draft.

**Light:** Prefers the low light of a bright north or east facing window or west window with sheer curtains. Be careful not to bur the leaves.

**Watering:** Keep media evenly moist. Water approximately every 5 to 7 days depending on household temperatures and light levels. Do not let plants sit in water. Water more frequently when humidity is extremely low. Avoid watering the leaves as they will mark easily.

**Fertilizing:** Fertilizing at full strength with 20-20-20 every month while growing (April to August), fertilize at half strength in moths coming up to and following the growth period; do not fertilize during rest period.

**Re-blooming:** A 2 month rest period in late fall is recommended to encourage blooming, reduce watering slightly but not let dry out, do not fertilize.

**Re-potting and potting mixture:** Repot every 2 to 3 years, as required. Use a mixture of peat, perlite and potting soil in equal proportions.