

Orchid Care Quick Reference

Type	Temp. (F)	Light Requirements	Grow In	Notes
Brassia	Summer- warm (65+) Winter- cool(50-65)	Indirect/Shade	Coarse mix or on bark	Requires high humidity
Cattleya	Intermediate (55-68)	Bright but not direct. Shade in summer.	Orchid mix; size by plant size.	Includes all hybrids (Blc, B, L., Pot., Yam.)
Coelogyne	Cool to Intermed.	Shade in Summer. Full in Winter.	Mix by plant size	
Cymbidium	Cool	Bright, not direct.	Coarse bark	Two types: regular and miniature
Dendrobium	Cool to Intermediate or warm depending on type.	Bright, not direct.	Bark or bark compost or mounted on cork or tree fern blocks	weigh bottom w/stone, some plants may be deciduous
Doritaenopsis (Dtps)	Warm-65 F min.	Bright, not direct	Coarse bark, stone/bark mix. Phal. hybrid mix	Likes to dry out between waterings. Fert. 1X month during growth.
Encyclia	Cool to intermediate Depending on place of origin	Summer-shade, Winter-moderate	Bark Compost	Can also be mounted on cork
Epidendrum (Epi)	Cool-Intermed. Depends on variety	Moderate to Bright or direct light depending on variety	Orchid mix, size by plant	Fertilize heavily in spring, summer. Repot every 2-3 yrs.
Laelia	Intermed. (Cool for Mexican varieties)	Summer-Lt. shade, Winter- full sun or bright	Bark compost	Some species may need some drying or little watering to flower
Lycaste Alliance	Summer- Intermed. Winter- Cool	Summer- Lt. shade Winter Full sun/bright	Bark compost	Can develop into tall plants with thin leaves
Masdevallia	Cool even in Summer months. A few varieties like warm conditions.	Shade all year or indirect light	Fine Bark, pref. in mesh pots	Never allow to dry out, better with good quality water
Maxillaria	Cool	Good light year round, not direct sun in summer	Bark or mix by plant size	Mainly intermediate size plants

Meiracyllium	Shade or indirect light	Cool to hot	Mount on bark or moss	Mist or soak frequently, Fragrant flowers
Neofinetia	Winter-Cool Summer- Warm	Summer- Shade Winter- Full Sun/ Bright	Sphagnum Moss ball	Neostylis, Ascofinetia, Darwinara are intergeneric hybrids and require similar conditions
Odontoglossum Incl. Wils. (Hybrid)	Cool	Summer- shade Winter- moderate	Fine bark	Keep pot bound to flower
Oncidium	Cool to Intermediate, and warm..	Varies by variety	Bark compost, can grow on a mount as well	Equitant oncidiums are from the Caribbean- grow warm and mounted on cork
Paphiopedilum	Intermediate	Shade or indirect all year	Bark mix or compost	Easy to grow
Phalaenopsis	Warm- min. 65F	Bright , not direct sun	Coarse bark	Allow to dry out between waterings
Phragmipedium	Intermediate	Shade in summer, moderate to brighter conditions than paphiopedilum	Coarse bark or tree fern	Keep fully moist most times
Pleione	Very cool (45-60)	Shade in summer, full, not direct in winter	Fine growing medium	Grow in shallow pans or as outdoor garden plants
Stanhopea	Cool to Intermed.	No direct sun. Moderate to bright light	Bark Compost, orchid mix in baskets due to flowers	Flowers from bottom of plant during Summer months
Vanda	Warm	Bright light	Bark + Charcoal	Open slated baskets best, water frequently
Zygopetalum	Cool- Intermed.	Shade	Orchid mix or bark	DO NOT MIST