



Intermediate Species Care



Intermediate growing orchid species need a little more heat than the cooler types but not as much as warm growing orchids. They need a drop to 12°C (55°F) in winter and will go up to around 25°C (70°F) in the summer daytime. This fluctuation is entirely natural and necessary to ensure the correct growing and flowering of the orchids. If an orchid is kept constantly too warm then this can prevent flowering.

Here are a few popular genera of intermediate growing species:

DENDROCHILUMS: The 'Chain Orchids' come from the Philippines and have arching or semi-pendent stems of many tiny cream, yellow, green or even red flowers, giving an appearance of chains of flowers. They are very beautiful and often scented. The size of the flowers varies with the species from tiny *D. filiforme* to larger *D. glumaceum*. They often grow through the winter months so water regularly when in growth but allow to dry out well when not growing. The flowers emerge from the centre of the newly produced leaf growth. Spray regularly to provide humidity.

WARMER GROWING COELOGYNES: Most coelogynes we grow are cool growing but there are also warmer types that like intermediate temperatures. These include *C. massangeana*, *C. dayana* and *C. velutina*. Water regularly whilst in growth and for best results grow in a baskets to facilitate their pendent spikes.

Other genera: *Coelia*, *Miltoniopsis*, *Zygopetalum*, *Epigenium*, *Miltonia*, *Laelia*, *Cattleya*, *Maxillaria*, *Camaridium* and *Aspasia* are all intermediate growers.

If you have problems keeping the temperature down then these would rather be a little warmer with the warm orchids than too cold with the cool orchids.

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