



Miltoniopsis & Miltonia Care



The Pansy Orchids are very showy and so called because of their large, flat, rounded, pansy-like flowers. They are often fragrant and come in a range of shades of pink, purple, red, white and occasionally yellow. The species come from Colombia but are seldom grown. It is the more easily-kept modern hybrids that are popular to grow in the home or shady conservatory.

RE-FLOWERING: These orchids flower mostly in the late spring and early summer, lasting for several weeks, longer if there is a succession of flower spikes on a larger plant. New spikes will be produced from the newest mature pseudobulb.

TEMPERATURE: Intermediate with a minimum 12°C (55°F) in winter, daytime maximum of 20°C (70°F). Will grow best in a humid greenhouse but will also grow well in the home.

LIGHT: They have soft, pale leaves so require a well shaded position in summer, more light in winter is helpful with the re-flowering though.

WATERING: They do not like to be too wet so are grown in an open bark compost to ensure good drainage. When in growth in the summer water a little more and spray too as they enjoy good humidity. If they get crinkled leaves this is due to lack of humidity and should be sprayed more often. Take extra care not to overwater these orchids.

Re-pot when the plant has outgrown its pot, after flowering in the summer or autumn.