



Brassia Orchid Care



The brassias are commonly known as the 'Spider Orchids' due to their spindly flowers. They are very attractive when in bloom with graceful arching spikes of many showy flowers. They come in various shades of green with variable darker markings on the petals and lip. Also the flowers are sweetly scented and they are mostly spring or summer flowering. The plants have dark green leaves and oval pseudobulbs with a compact habit.

RE-FLOWERING: The blooms come from the side of the newly matured pseudobulb. They need fairly good light to help regular blooming which is generally annual in the spring or early summer months.

TEMPERATURE: Intermediate with a minimum 12°C (55°F) in winter, daytime maximum of 30°C (85°F). Will grow best in a humid greenhouse but some will grow well in the home.

LIGHT: To help with re-flowering keep all Brassia types in good light all year round, shaded from the bright summer sun but good light in winter.

WATERING: They like to be moist all the year round as many tend to grow in the in the winter months. They also make copious aerial roots so these will enjoy regular spraying. They are grown in open bark compost and like to be hanging up in a basket or a hanging pot.

Re-pot when the plant has outgrown its pot or basket, they don't mind being a little over the side of the pot, when the new growth is young in the late summer.