



# Burnham Nurseries

## ORCHID PARADISE

## Feeding Orchids



Orchids are not heavy feeders as in nature nutrients are not readily available to them in the treetops; they are adapted to use what little they can find. Therefore, in cultivation we keep the feeding of orchids very simple.

At Burnham Nurseries we recommend **Orchid Focus** feeds which have been especially formulated for orchids. It is available in two types and should be used as follows:

Most orchids are seasonal and have a main growing season during the spring and summer months. These include **CYMBIDIUMS, ONCIDIUMS, MILTONIOPSIS, DENDROBIUMS** and **COELOGYNES**. For these types of orchids use Orchid Focus '**GROW**' from the **BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY TO THE END OF JULY**. This is high in Nitrogen which helps leaf growth. Then from the **BEGINNING OF AUGUST TO THE END OF NOVEMBER** use Orchid Focus '**BLOOM**'. This is high in Potash and helps with the finishing of growth and development of flowers. Add feed to the water every other watering, it can be poured through the compost and sprayed onto the leaves and roots. These plants can **go without feed for December and January**, as light levels are lower and therefore they are unable to use the feed efficiently.

**PHALAENOPSIS** are not seasonal; they grow and flower at any time of the year. Therefore Orchid Focus Grow and Orchid Focus Bloom can be used alternately throughout the whole year every other watering as above.

For further directions see the label on the bottle.

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