



Burnham Nurseries

ORCHID PARADISE

Miniature Orchid Care



There are many thousands of truly miniature orchids in the world, some only reaching a few centimetres in height with flowers only several millimetres across! Many of these species come from very high altitudes in the mountain ranges where they live in the cloud forests of the tropics. They take up very little space so are ideal for those growers who are running out of room! They are often grown well in a disused aquarium or terrarium where a humid environment can be created for them.

RE-FLOWERING: The various species will flower within their season whenever the right time of year comes around. With correct culture the orchids will flower easily each year.

TEMPERATURE: Most miniature species like to be cool, especially in summer so a minimum 10°C (50°F) should be maintained in winter. Plenty of ventilation and shade will help this.

LIGHT: Keep well shaded especially in summer to prevent scorch and dehydration.

WATERING: Little pots dry out quickly so water regularly to prevent dehydration and mist often also especially in summer. This will increase the humidity which they enjoy.

Re-pot if necessary when the plant has outgrown its pot, but they will stay small so take care not to over-pot.

Popular types include Lepanthopsis, Dryadella, Restrepia, Octomeria and Pleurothallis.

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