



Dendrobium

Australian Native Orchids

These rewarding and uniquely attractive orchids are unique to Eastern and South Eastern Australia. As such, in most cases they do not require the demanding temperatures and high humidity that most other exotic orchids require. In fact, given the right conditions, they will grow on and flower beautifully without much attention at all!

Watering

Just keep your Dendrobium moist all year. They do enjoy a dry spell in mid winter when the buds are forming for spring. If in a pot, check the drain holes to see if damp. You might water daily in summer but only fortnightly in winter.

Feeding

If you feel inclined, try applying liquid fertilizers mixed in a watering can and simply pour over the top of the plant foliage. Usually one gram of most fertilizers per litre of water fortnightly in spring and summer will give great results. Alternatively, Osmocote can be applied upon completion of flowering.

Light conditions

Native Dendrobiums require bright conditions to flower well. Bright straight winter sun will encourage your Dendrobiums to bloom well in spring. In summer, provide all the shade you can to stop the leaves from scolding and becoming lemon in colour.

Repotting

You only need to repot your Dendrobium when it is ready to split the pot! Pot bound orchids bloom prolifically. If you have to repot - or wish to divide them, October is the most suitable time. We recommend pine bark or orchid mix. Remember to keep the pot lifted up off soil or the worms will enter the drain holes and destroy the specially formulated orchid compost.

