

Vanda Orchid

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Originating from Tropical Asia these stunning and colorful Vandas are easily grown in warm, humid climates with plentiful sunshine. Your plant can bloom several times a year, making quite a show! Following is some information that will help you care for your Vanda Orchid!

LIGHT:

Light is a crucial factor in blooming your Vanda. Strong sunlight is important (3 - 5 hours of direct sun, east, west or south exposure).

WATER AND SOIL:

Vandas generally like lots of water yet must dry out quickly. Because of this and their extensive root system, they are mostly grown in wood baskets or coarse orchid bark and charcoal. If warm and sunny, they will need daily watering, sometimes twice a day. Water sparingly in the winter or during cloudy weather, yet do not allow plants to shrivel. In the winter the roots and wood basket will do fine if you mist daily, but only in sunny weather.

Vandas are grown in a wood basket surrounded by hard wood charcoal or standard orchid mix which helps maintain the level of moisture in the basket.

FERTILIZER:

Your Vanda will enjoy being fed regularly. Feed your Vanda 30-10-10 full strength once a week if warm; (summer) 10-50-10 once a month to promote blooms. If weather is cool, fertilize only every two to four weeks.

TEMPERATURE:

The warmer your Vanda is the faster the growth. A minimum winter temperature of 55° F is recommended. Colder nights can be tolerated for a short time if it is not windy. Optimum temperatures are 60° F at night and a maximum of 95° F during the day.

COMMENTS:

Your Vanda can bloom several times a year. The bloom will last approximately one month.