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Growing Orchids-Paphiopedilums

Unlike many cultivated orchids, this variety is semi-terrestrial. Known as slipper orchids, they are native to the forest floor in the Far East and Indonesia.

Paphiopedilums require less light than some other orchids — an east or west window, or a shady south window, will provide all the light they need. Those with mottled leaves are "warm-growing" and need temperatures of 60° to 65° at night and 75° to 85° in the daytime. The "paphs" with solid colored leaves are "cool-growing" and should have temperatures about five degrees lower. These plants can withstand temperatures of as low as 40° at night, as well as highs of 95°.

Orchids in the wild are generally not heavy feeders. We suggest a half-strength mixture of a 20-20-20 formulation, or a fertilizer specifically made for orchids during growing season, fed twice a month.

Remember to flush the potting medium so that built up fertilizer salts don't burn the roots.

See also our [Growing Orchids](#) Info sheet.

