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Orchid Care MILTONIA

Taxonomic Name: *Miltonia*

Orchid Family

Herbaceous Plants

The sight of miltonias in bloom instantly reminds the beholder of garden pansies--though no pansies have quite so aristocratic a look. Miltonias are highly favored with orchid fanciers because the blossoms are both colorful and elegant in design. Most miltonia parent species are native to Brazil.

How to Care for Your Plant:

LIGHT: Some direct sunlight, or at least bright indirect sunlight, is preferable. If possible, place your miltonia in an unobstructed western or eastern window, or in a southern window that is partially shaded.

WATERING: When your plant is actively growing or flowering, water whenever the potting medium surface is dry to the touch. When the plant is dormant following flowering, wait until the top half-inch of the medium is thoroughly dry.

FEEDING: Do not feed the plant when it is dormant. Feed only when the plant is actively growing or producing flowers. If your orchid is potted in bark, use a high-nitrogen (high first number) orchid fertilizer. If potted in any other medium, use a high-phosphorous (high middle number) orchid fertilizer. In both cases, apply the food with every other watering at the concentration listed in the product directions.

TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY: Miltonias tolerate normal daytime temperatures indoors; in the cold months, give them a nighttime minimum of 55 to 60 degrees. Provide at least 50% humidity--use a room humidifier nearby or a set pebble tray partially filled with water under the plant.