East Bay Nursery

Hybrid Moth Orchid

Phalaenopsis x hybrida



Hybrid Moth Orchid in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Big Leaf Orchid

Group/Class: Moth Orchid

Description:

A family of floriforous orchid hybrids that produce multiple, short spikes of blooms in a variety of colors; an excellent focal plant for containers or hanging baskets

Features & Attributes

Hybrid Moth Orchid features showy spikes of buttery yellow orchid-like flowers with orange centers at the ends of the stems in early spring. Its oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

This is an open herbaceous evergreen houseplant with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other indoor plants with less refined foliage. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Hybrid Moth Orchid can be expected to grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant should only be grown away from direct sunlight or in a room with strong artificial light. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.