

## Stanhopea Orchids

Pronounced: Stan-HO-pah

Lovers of fragrance will be amazed at the lovely varied fragrances produced by these wonderfully weird orchids. The flowers only last 4 days, but a large well-grown plant will produce a succession of inflorescences that will perfume a house for a month or more. The majority require intermediate temperatures and light levels, but most need to be very wet during the growing season and only less so during the winter. Some require a more decided rest to bloom well. Flowers emerge horizontally or bore downward and so all Stanhopeas need to be grown in baskets, preferably with rounded slats that won't cause flowers to get hung up and die.



### Watering

Water plants with low solute water or use rain water or deionised water. Keep the baskets wet for the growing season and just moist during the resting season. They love high humidity, but it must be coupled with good air movement.

### Potting mixes

Need to be well-draining but water retentive. Sphagnum moss, water –absorbing rock-wool for people who can't water every day, or mixes of medium fir bark, medium charcoal, medium sponge rock and chopped 2-3-cm pieces of sphagnum moss will be great for people who love to water.

### Fertilizing

Fertilize once a month. Reduce fertilizing in the winter when plants do not grow. Use a complete fertilizer, that is a hydroponic one, that contains micro-nutrients as well as macro-nutrients at one quarter the strength recommended for ordinary house plants, or use the MSU orchid fertilizer formulated for deionised or rain-water at the strength recommended on the package.

### Pests

The only pests that trouble these plants are spider mites that love the somewhat leathery plicate leaves and scale insects. For the latter, remove as many adults as you can and then for both pests spray with 50% isopropyl alcohol or try just dish wash detergent in water. Check frequently to make sure you got all the beasties!

### Flowering Times

Most species bloom in the late summer to fall, but a fair number also bloom in the spring, some even twice a year.

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