

Botanical name:
Genus: Dendrobium
Species: orchid

Common Name(s): Den

Latin Family Name:
Orchidaceae

English Family Name: Orchid

Several hybrids in this genus have been registered and named after notable persons and institution

The plant

Origin; country or region: Found in diverse habitats throughout Southeast Asia, Australia and many of the islands of the Pacific

Growth habit: Orchids in this genus have roots that creep over the surface of trees or rocks, rarely having their roots in soil
They are epiphytic

Flower description: The flowers are brightly colored and showy
Flowers are arranged along an unbranched flowering stem and may be short or long-lived

The flowers may be white, green, yellow, or pink to purple, often with contrasting colours in the labellum

Blooming period/availability: Annual/bi-annual

Leaf/Foliage Description: There are from one to many leaves arranged in two ranks, the leaves vary in shape- linear to oblong

Usage: Showy and popular house plant

because their blooms are long-lived

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

They are also used as cut flowers

Ideal for homes and offices

Group with other tropical plants and they make great plant arrangements

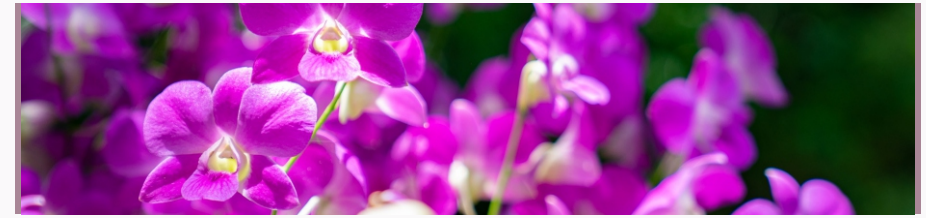
Various colours are available

Very little care - hardy orchid plants

WEAKNESS:

Some people may prefer the elegant

Phalaenopsis over the Dendrobium



Care & Handling

Longevity: Some species have flowers that last a few weeks while others last many months, the plant however may bloom annually or may be twice a year

Water requirements: Allow the soil to only halfway dry out between waterings, never fully

Light: These plants grow best in bright, indirect light

Nutrition requirements: Most species can be grown in a bark-based medium containing horticultural charcoal, with some preferring mounting on a cork bark slab or even a soil mix of coco peat & orchid soil works

Do not use a pot that is too large for the root mass

Special care/remarks: My secret to a long lasting Den & Phals is to give them a nice water bath once a week, set the pot into a sink or shower, let it bath nicely, then let the water drain (keep a towel so the water drains out completely) and then keep it back in its space
They last for several weeks or even up to 2 months!

