

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus: Gramatophyllum**  
**Species: multiflorum**  
**or speciosum/**

**Common Name(s):** Grama, letters plant

**Latin Family Name:** Orchiaceae  
**English Family Name:** Orchid

### The plant

**Origin; country or region:** Native to South East Asia, New Guinea and some of the islands of the Pacific Ocean

**Growth habit:** These are medium-sized to very large orchids, including the giant orchid (*Grammatophyllum speciosum*), believed to be the largest orchid species in existence

**Flower description:** The flowers of most *Grammatophyllum* species, are generally yellow, brown, green and spotted

### Blooming period/availability:

It is one of the longest-blooming orchids in existence: it can be in bloom for nine months

### Leaf/Foliage Description:

A few leaves around the top of the pseudobulbs

**Usage:** A very good specimen

plant for home or office

### STRENGTH/OPPORTUNITIES:

An exotic orchid variety, very unusual...

### WEAKNESS:

Not easily available, available seasonally

Price is as much as the *Phalaenopsis*



Plants can develop into gigantic clusters weighing from several hundred kilograms to one ton  
The roots form spectacular bundles

### Care & Handling

**Longevity:** *Grammatophyllum* is one of the longest-blooming orchids in existence: it can be in bloom for nine months

**Water requirements:** Watering of *Grammatophyllum* is a delicate balancing act

They should not be allowed to go dry, yet they don't care for a soggy environment either

Watering once every seven to ten days is about right

**Light:** Bright light, yet should be protected from the hot mid-day sun

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** Half-strength balanced fertilizer weekly during the growing season

**Special care/remarks:** A light green leaf with just a hint of yellow indicates the maximum amount of sun the plant can take, and a dark green leaf indicates not enough sun

