



CARING FOR CYMBIDIUM ORCHIDS

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Cymbidium Orchids are winter flowering plants that can be kept indoors for stunning and cheerful display over the colder months

Since they are native to Asia (eg. northern India, China, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines and Borneo), they will cope with very cold conditions over winter but can also handle monsoon type conditions easily in the Summer.

They generally have a reputation for being difficult to look after but are actually very easy. A local grower gave me some very simple tips for getting them to flower every year.

After flowering, place them outside where they get lots of sun although preferably not the harsh western sun.

Give them regular watering, maybe even place them where a watering system comes on regularly.

Place slow release fertilizer on top of the soil during summer. Bring inside in June when the buds appear.

Give small amounts of water 2-3 times a week, making sure they don't dry out.

Feast your eyes on their beautiful flowering display all winter long.

And yes, I have tried this and it worked!

