

Dendrobium nobile

Pronunciation: (den-DROH-bee-um)

Origin and Range : native to Burma, India and Thailand. They grow as epiphytes (on trees), from lower elevations up to the cool highlands of the Himalayas. (Up to 4000 feet)

Watering and Nutrition : water when plants are actively growing. As growth slows, reduce the frequency of watering and feeding. Do not over fertilize. Stop fertilizing in August to encourage flower development.

Light and Shade : provide as much light as possible without burning the leaves. Summering the plants outdoors, will produce strong plants that will flower freely. Small plants will require some shade.

Temperature and Humidity : to initiate flower buds plants must be exposed to low temperatures for approximately one - two months. A night temperature of 60°F (15 C) and 70 to 80°F (20-27 C) during the day is ideal. 50% humidity during the growing season is recommended. Bloom time is generally December to March.

Air Circulation : constant air circulation will prevent disease problems and prevent leaf burn from the higher light levels.

Potting : over potting will not enhance the growth of small plants. Repot when the potting mix decomposes or the plant outgrows its container. Repot Dendrobium nobile when they have finished flowering. Do not repot plants in bud or flower. Medium size fir bark with coarse perlite is ideal.

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