

Psychopsis Culture (syé-kop-siss)

This unique orchid is native to Central and South America, Trinidad and Tobago. It is commonly known as the butterfly orchid, producing flowers that mimic native butterflies which in turn pollinate them. Psychopsis produce their flowers sequentially, with each flower lasting 2-3 weeks, then falling off to make room for the next. Each flowering stem can produce flowers for up to 10 years!

LIGHT: A bright east, west or semi shaded south window. These also grow well under artificial plant lights.

TEMPERATURE: Average house temps anywhere between 62° at night to 85° during the day are suitable.

WATER: On average once a week, or when bark becomes completely dry beneath the surface. Water thoroughly until water runs freely from the pot. Always remove pots from decorative containers to allow proper drainage. Never allow pots to stand in water.

FERTILIZER: Apply a 20-20-20 or similar balanced fertilizer once every 2 to 3 weeks. Dilute ½ teaspoon in a gallon of water. Do not over-fertilize as this will cause permanent root damage.

HUMIDITY: 50% - 60% is recommended. This can be achieved by placing plants on a humidity tray, misting in the morning or grouping your plants together.

REPOTTING: Recommended to be done every one to two years. These can be repotted during their flowering period.