



MICROTIS UNIFLORA “COMMON ONION ORCHID”

AUSTRALIAN TERRESTRIAL ORCHID



POTTING MEDIA: Best potting mix: Well drained, moisture holding terrestrial mix – we like to use 100% pure coarse sand (pool filters sand), but other mixes like peat moss, bark and perlite will work as well.

POTS & TIPS Microtis uniflora, also called “Common Onion Orchid” is charming species from Australia, Asia and Japan. It is found growing in variety of habitats, from swamps and bogs through rocky outcrops and sometimes in loans of urban areas. Grows one leaf and spike with dozens yellow/green blooms. Provide bright light levels, cool-intermediate temperatures, and regular watering keeping them moist during active growing season, with dry dormancy period. The flowers have a powerful if sickly scent

Microtis are, in general, shallow-rooting plants of well-drained low-fertility soils. Their symbiotic relationship with a fungus in the soil allows them to obtain sufficient nutrients and be able to compete successfully with other plants. They are very sensitive to the addition of fertilizers or fungicides since these can harm the symbiotic fungus and thus kill the orchid. Use some 3” pots, pot your tubers some 1” deep.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Keep dormant tubers in dry place (best kept in plastic containers) till sprouting
2. Pot sprouting tubers into your preferred mix, add mycorrhizae at this time to your mix
3. When in active growth, provide regular watering and weak fertilizing
4. Your plants will send spike and bloom, then start slowly dying off
5. Reduce watering and stop fertilizing after spikes are done flowering
6. When plants are leafless, check your pot for new tubers and store them again in dry place for next season

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