



PTERYGODIUM AFRICAN TERRESTRIAL ORCHID



POTTING MEDIA: Best potting mix: 80% Seramis or fine to medium grade Perlite. 20% organic components. Favorable are fermented wood shavings or wood fiber. No peat moss. Sphagnum moss is suitable. Substrates have to be well draining with a pH of 5 to 6.

POTS & TIPS: Pterygodium orchids are not difficult to grow. Most plants occur in the winter wet region of South Africa and are summer dormant and rest as round tuberoids. Plants emerge in late summer/early fall and flower in late winter, spring or early summer. Regular watering during the growing period is essential. Grow as sunny as possible. Frost hardy up to -4°C. Fertilize monthly with weak fertilizer until flowering. Reduce watering with the onset of flowers and stop as the leaves die back. Completely dry during dormancy. Occasionally a light spray of water for small plants to prevent dehydration. Use 3" pots and 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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