

## HABENARIA XANTHOCHEILA



## **Origin:** Asia

**Temperatures:** Hot to intermediate growing small size terrestrial orchid species **Light:** Bright shade / bright indirect light

*Watering & fertilizing:* Regular watering and heavy fertilizing when active growing, will go completely dormant.

**General care:** Habenaria species is stunning group of terrestrial orchids from Asia. Xanthocheila is often confused with rhodocheila, it is one of the nicest with beautiful yellow blooms. Blooms will appear in late summer. These terrestrials go through dormant cycle and proper care must be followed. During active growing season they should be grown intermediate to hot, with moderate bright light, good fertilizing and regular watering but letting slightly dry out between each watering (do not keep roots constantly wet). Once the spike is finished blooming and leaves start to fade off, cut immediately on watering. When all the foliage is gone and you have only tubers left in the pot, you can either keep them in potting mix that is kept dry for the dormancy and stored in cool temperatures. We do prefer taking dormant tubers out from the pot and keep them in plastic containers with lids in the fridge (veggie draw or door) till they start to sprout again. Great plants for windowsills, greenhouses and outside growing in proper zones.

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