

SATYRIUM ERECTUM SOUTH AFRICAN TERRESTRIAL ORCHID



POTTING MEDIA: 70% inorganic fast draining material, since these grow on sandstone and clay flats, mix of coarse sandstone and clay together with perlite would work the best. Rot is the biggest enemy, so fast draining mixes are the key! We do not suggest all perlite because the pot will be too light and blow over often. The other 30% should be organic potting material such as what you would normally use for your terrestrials, best is peat moss with some sand.

POTS & TIPS: Satyrium is winter rainfall species coming from dry sandstone and clay flats. It gets abundance of water during active growing rain season with a lot of sunshine. As such, it will need good watering when actively growing and as much light as possible – it will drop all leaves when grown too shady. It grows nice round leaves and can grow up to 12” tall. Use only R/O or rain water, and very light fertilizer (1/4 strength of balanced fertilizer). Fertilizer should be used only when in active growth. Adding mycorrhizae (like Great White) is very beneficial. Reduce water after flowering and stop completely by the time the leaves fade and dry up. When dormant, keep tubers in dry place, best is plastic container with paper towel inside or in paper bag with paper towel, check for any rot, and from the end of August start checking bi-weekly for sprouting. Once sprouting, pot only some 2” deep with new shoot facing upwards. Due to size, we suggest 4 inch clay pots.