



THELYMITRA AUSTRALIAN TERRESTRIAL ORCHID



POTTING MEDIA: 80% inorganic material (akadama or bonsai mix, slightly acid, clay based and porous, no retaining water). 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 20% should be organic potting material such as what you would normally use for your terrestrials, best is peat moss/potting soil with pine bark (if you have, fermented bark is the best).

POTS & TIPS: Thelymitra tubers are small size so 2" pot is usually big enough. They also like to grow in colonies and so potting more than 1 tuber in the same pot is great. 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 especially for Australian terrestrials. They prefer slightly acid mix. 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.

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