



## STENOGLOTTIS AFRICAN TERRESTRIAL ORCHID



**POTTING MEDIA:** Grow plants of *Stenoglottis* in pots with a combination of seedling-grade epiphyte mixture and sharp sand). Past 2 years we also tried to grow these in 100% pure coarse sand (pool filters sand) and they do grow fantastic in it!

**POTS & TIPS:** *Stenoglottis fimbriata*, also called “Fringed Madonna Orchid” is charming South African terrestrial orchid species. It is found growing in a very thin humus or moss layer on rocks or in humus-rich soil in rock crevices or on tree trunks or fallen logs in shaded forests. The root system consists of a clump of elongated, fleshy tuberous roots. Provide bright light levels, cool-intermediate temperatures, and regular watering throughout the year. In nature the plants go through a semi-dormancy after flowering. This dormancy period is not required in cultivation but care should be taken to avoid over-watering prior to the onset of new growth. Add mycorrhizae to your mix, use weak organic fertilizer. Depending on tuber size, you’ll need 3”-4” 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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