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Orchids: An Illustrated Identifier And Guide To Cultivation



Synopsis

The exquisite variety of forms and colors of orchids are made accessible to beginning growers in this fascinating introduction to the more than 25,000 species that make up this diverse plant family. The book covers commonsense advice on repotting, dividing, and growing orchids from seeds in a variety of settings including the greenhouse, the home, and the outdoors. Information is also included on major orchid families and their characteristics, how to choose a plant, how to avoid pests and diseases, and how to enter an orchid in competition. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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The book was well written. I learned that the plant family Orchidaceae has 25,000 different species. There are 3 different growth types of orchids, epiphytes, lithophytes and terrestrials. I learned that there are orchids native to Europe, such as Orchis, Ophrys and Dactylorhiza. Something cool I found out is that there are orange orchid flowers, like the Habenaria rhodosticta. In southeast Asia, China, Japan, the Himalayas to the Philippines and Australia the cool growing Cymbidiums thrive. The Odontoglossums and their allied genera live mainly in the Andes mountains, from Mexico through Latin America down to Northern Brazil. One variation, the Odontioda ingeri, ('Lyoth Galaxy'), was absolutely amazing. Paphiopedilums, the orchids I started with long ago, are native to Asia from New Guinea to China and India, which is neat. I learned Miltonia orchids live in Brazil and Colombia. Originating in South America, Cattleyas are the most colorful of all types. The Sophrolaeliocattleya 'Mine Gold' is a rare and amazing golden yellowish orange flower. Calanthes are native to Himalays, Burma and Thailand, are Deciduous or Evergreen groups, and were one of

the first to be grown in Britain. Also neat is that Phalaenopsis, my personal favorite, are throughout Asia and have approximately 70 different species. Dendrobiums have over 1,500 species, ranging from miniscule to ones over 1 meter, are epiphytic and are complex by nature. Last but not least are the Vandas, which include their relatives the Ascocentrums, which are hard to grow, love water and low light intensity.

Excellent

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