

Militoniopsis sp Orchid Care

About The Militoniopsis

Militoniopsis are commonly known as “Pansy Orchids.” They are native to South America where they grow in highland rainforests, with fragrant, long lasting flowers. The modern hybrids can be grown in a sunny window in an air-conditioned home.

Placement

Militoniopsis are thin leafed hybrids which are prone to sunburn in direct light, so indirect light is preferable. Ttps prefer temperatures in the 55-80 degree range with humidity in the 50% to 70% range. Mtps require good air movement, with stagnant air leading to stunted growth.

Watering

Mounted orchids are impossible to overwater and contain their own “water gauge”. When moss surrounding the roots appears dry, soak the mount well under a hose or faucet.

Fertilizing

Fertilize monthly with balanced liquid fertilizer. Special orchid blended fertilizers may be freely used during blooming season (spring/fall)

Pruning & Trimming

Once spikes/flower stalks turn yellow and dry up, prune them off close to the leaf base. Leave green, live flower spikes on the plant: they can often rebloom from the same spike or create “keiki” or baby orchids.

Repotting

Remove from mount and re-attach with fresh moss when the plant grows too large for the mount or moss breaks down significantly.

Diseases, Insects & Other Pests

Mtps are susceptible to mealybugs, aphids and other pests. Use insecticidal soap as necessary.

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