



Woolf Orchid Culture

Australian Dendrobium Culture

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GROUP 1 - Hot Growers

Minimum temperature of 12-15°C. Strong light with 30-50% shade.

Fertilize regularly and keep moist during growing period and drier and rest during Winter.

GROUP 2 - Hot - Cold (Intermediate) Growers

Minimum temperature of 6-8°C. Strong light with 40-50% shade.

Fertilize regularly and keep moist during growing period and drier and rest during Winter.

GROUP 3 - Cold (Cool) Growers (See Article Below)

Minimum temperature of 2-4°C. Medium light with 50-70% shade.

Fertilize regularly and keep moist all year.

Cool Growing Australian Native Orchids - Species and Hybrids Culture

The following culture notes pertain to the cool growing Dendrocoryne section with species such as

- Den. aemulum
- Den. adae
- Den. falcorostrum
- Den. fleckeri
- Den. gracilicaule
- Den. jonesii (Syn. ruppianum)
- Den. kingianum
- Den. speciosum
- Den. tetragonum
- natural hybrids
- Den. x delicatum
- Den. x gracillimum
- their varieties and their hybrids

LIGHT

These orchids will grow best under 50% to 70% shade. Too much shade will result in weak growths, flower racemes and flower colour intensity can be reduced. Too much light can result in short stocky plants with short crowded racemes so it is important to get the light factor correct.

TEMPERATURE

A temperature of between a minimum of 5 degrees Celsius and a maximum of 30 degrees Celsius is recommended, however the plants will tolerate higher temperatures for short periods they will not tolerate direct frost.