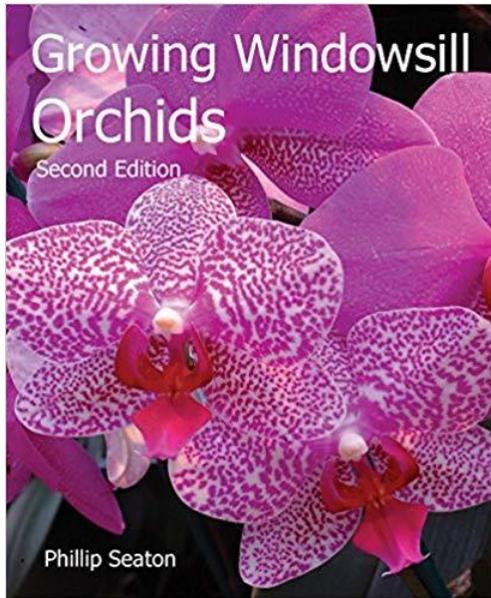


Growing Windowsill Orchids

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From elegant warmth-loving moth orchids to exquisite slipper orchid, *Growing Windowsill Orchids* tells you everything you need to know about successful orchid growing in the home. Written in non-technical language and copiously illustrated with photographs and informative line drawings, this new edition of the bestselling book provides advice on how to choose the best plant, how to look after your orchid when it has finished flowering and how to get it to flower again year after year.

Cultivation advice includes the best place to grow your plants in the home, how frequently to water and feed your plants and how to keep them free from pests and disease. Step-by-step instructions explain how and when to repot your plants, what composts to use and when to water.

For readers who wish to learn more about their orchids, Phil delves into the basis of orchid biology, conservation and how plants get from the nursery to your shop. The second edition has up to date information as well as new advancements in orchid conservation that relate back to the orchid growing in your home.

Reviews

"One of the largest plant families on the planet, orchids come in an extensive variety of floral types. This fact and the unfounded belief that they are difficult to grow have created an aura of rarity about their cultivation. . . . Seaton disputes this belief in this attractively illustrated guide to growing orchids indoors."

(Marilyn K. Alaimo "Chicago Botanic Garden, praise for the first edition)

Perfect book for the nervous beginner (who doesn't really like orchids, but was given one to try and coax into re-flowering)! All the information, together with helpful tips, is there. Now I am almost looking forward to getting some new flowers.

(Amazon Review)

About the Author

Philip Seaton has been an editor with *The Orchid Review* and has written numerous popular and scientific articles and various orchid publications on a wide range of topics. He is also a winner of the American Orchid Society Dillon/Petersen Memorial Prize.

60 pages : 20 x 24 cm. "Growing Windowsill Orchids' is all you need to keep these affordable, exotic plants happy and blooming. The best plants to buy, home-care, flowering year after year, avoiding pest problems, the science of orchids, their conservation and propagation, are explained in 60 sumptuously illustrated pages"--Page 4 of cover. Buying your orchid -- Caring for your orchid -- Phalaenopsis -- moth orchids -- Cymbidium -- Cambria orchids -- Dendrobium phalaenopsis -- Paphiopedilum -- slipper orchids... The Orchid Whisperer: Expert Secrets for Growing Beautiful Orchids (Orchid Potting, Orchid Seed Care, Gardening Book). Bruce Rogers. 4.6 out of 5 stars 710. Paperback. 48 offers from \$8.07. Please try again later. Emma. 5.0 out of 5 stars Growing Windowsill Orchids. Reviewed in the United States on January 8, 2011. Verified Purchase. This is a perfect resource for people who want to grow orchids at home but don't have greenhouses. How Orchids Grow. Orchids are usually grouped into two broad categories that characterize their growth habits. Monopodial orchids have a single, upright stem, with leaves arranged opposite each other along the stem. Growing media: Terrestrial orchids, such as paphiopedilums and some cymbidiums, grow in soil. But most tropical orchids are epiphytes, which means that they grow in the air, rather than in soil. In nature, orchids grow from the equator to the arctic. They grow in the ground (terrestrial), on top of trees, rocks, or telephone poles (epiphytic), or both. Most of the orchids grown indoors originally came from tropical and subtropical areas where they had good air circulation, brisk nights, and excellent drainage. In fact, those that come from high altitudes prefer cool nights and are not happy with high temperatures during the day. Some are very fragrant: vanilla extract is made from the seed pod of the vanilla orchid.