

Moth Orchid

Phalaenopsis



Phalaenopsis Mahogany Leopard 'Carmela' x Dtps. (Taisuco Jewel x Minh Princess) 'R#1'



Phalaenopsis 'Happy Girl'



Phalaenopsis Dtps. Brother Isabel 'Lc' x Dtps (Taisuco Candystripe x Brother Brungor) 'B#20'

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Family: Orchidaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous, evergreen

Leaf Color: dark green

Fall Color: not notable

Flower Time: December-April

Flower Color: white, pink, violet, bicolor, many more

Fruit: not notable

Light: partial shade (bright window indoors, eastern exposure ideal)

Moisture: very well-drained

USDA Hardiness

Zones: 10-11

Insect/Disease Issues:

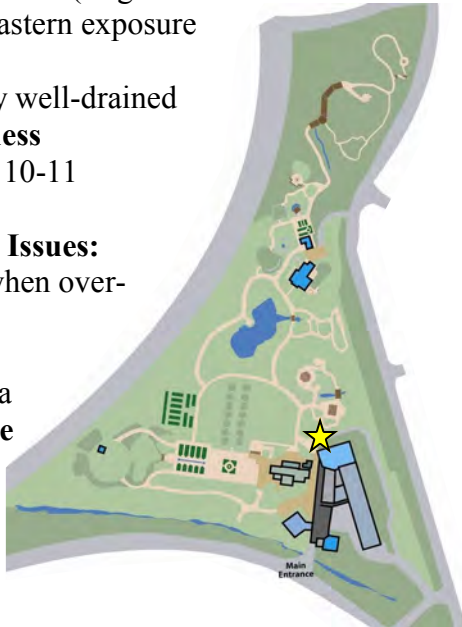
Few, root rot when over-watered

Nativity:

South East Asia

Location in the Gardens:

Conservatory



Landscape Value:

Plants are not winter hardy in central Iowa but this species make a wonderful, colorful centerpieces. Flowers last for weeks, even months. A very popular orchid and often the easiest to find orchid in stores.

Notes:

Moth orchids are epiphytic plants that grow on top of other plants, but are not parasitic. Plants need very high humidity and bright, indirect light (which can be supplemented artificially) to thrive. The drop in temperature from summer to fall initiates flower stalk development.

Plants are easily overwatered. Repot regularly in coarse, well-drained orchid bark. Allow plants to dry thoroughly between waterings.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec