

Windowsill Orchid

Pleione formosana



Windowsill Orchid flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 5 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Taiwan Pleione

Description:

A stunning small orchid producing attractive purple and white flowers on short spikes; an excellent focal point for containers or a rock garden in warmer climates

Features & Attributes

Windowsill Orchid features bold spikes of purple orchid-like flowers with white overtones, yellow throats and red spots at the ends of the stems from late winter to early spring. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Windowsill Orchid can be expected to grow to be only 5 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.