Sentinel Cattleya Orchid

Cattleya gaskelliana 'Sentinel'



Sentinel Cattleya Orchid flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 15 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Lc. C. G. Roebling Sentinel Orchid

Description:

Multiple blooms are produced on this stately orchid plant; white flowers have contrasting purple centers and a lovely fragrance; a great container accent; likes abundant light and humidity

Features & Attributes

Sentinel Cattleya Orchid features bold spikes of white orchid-like flowers with purple throats and violet stripes rising above the foliage from early spring to late winter. Its sword-like leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant should never be pruned unless absolutely necessary, as it tends not to take pruning well.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Sentinel Cattleya Orchid can be expected to grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 15 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 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. 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.