

Crucifix Orchid

Epidendrum ibaguense



Crucifix Orchid flowers
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Plant Height: 15 inches

Flower Height: 30 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Fiery Reed Orchid, Spice Orchid

Description:

Clusters of stunning blooms in various colors are produced on this graceful orchid plant which can grow in a fast draining soil mix, on the ground, or on rocks; a great container accent; likes abundant indirect light and humidity

Features & Attributes

Crucifix Orchid features dainty spikes of scarlet orchid-like flowers with orange overtones and a yellow flare rising above the foliage from early spring to late winter. Its oval leaves remain light green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. This plant should never be pruned unless absolutely necessary, as it tends not to take pruning well.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Crucifix Orchid can be expected to grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity extending to 30 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 15 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.