Purple Ground Orchid

Spathoglottis unguiculata



Purple Ground Orchid flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 30 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Clawed Spathoglottis

Group/Class: Ground Orchid

Description:

This pretty orchid features grape-scented, deep purple-pink blooms that emerge in clusters from bright fuchsia buds year-round; a great accent for bright indoor areas; considered invasive in some sensitive areas

Features & Attributes

Purple Ground Orchid features showy panicles of lightly-scented purple orchid-like flowers with pink overtones and yellow throats rising above the foliage from early winter to late fall, which emerge from distinctive fuchsia flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive glossy sword-like leaves remain 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 may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Purple Ground Orchid can be expected to grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 30 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

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.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --