



## Lavender Japanese Hyacinth Orchid

*Bletilla ochracea* 'Chinese Butterfly'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Chinese Ground Orchid

### Description:

Elegant orchid flowers are pale yellow with purple and yellow speckled lip appearing on wispy stalks over iris-like foliage; can be grown in the garden or in a container; keep roots well-drained, especially in winter

### Features & Attributes

Lavender Japanese Hyacinth Orchid features showy buttery yellow orchid-like flowers with deep purple spots rising above the foliage in late spring. Its attractive sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

### Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Lavender Japanese Hyacinth Orchid can be expected to grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a medium 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 does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.



Lavender Japanese Hyacinth Orchid  
flowers

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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.