

-19- GROWING ZYGOPETALUM ORCHIDS

Zygo Lighting

To cultivate Zygopetalum orchids successfully, provide them with bright, indirect light. Position your orchid near a south-facing window for optimal exposure. An east-facing window is also suitable, as long as the orchid avoids direct sunlight. If you notice the leaves turning a dark green, it indicates insufficient light, which may impede blooming.



Zygo Temperature

Zygopetalum Orchid Care: Temperature Preferences and Growing Conditions

Zygopetalum orchid species and their hybrids thrive best in moderate daytime temperatures and cooler nights. Ideal daytime temperatures range from **70 to 80°F (21-27°C)**, while nighttime temperatures should be between **50 and 60°F (10-16°C)**. For those in hardiness zones 9 and 10, it's possible to cultivate these orchids outdoors with some shade. However, most of us will need to keep them indoors for optimal growth.

Zygo Humidity

Zygopetalum enjoys good humidity at around 50%. More humidity than this can result in the orchids potentially. Higher humidity around 60-70% during the warmer seasons can help promote the development of pseudobulbs. Humidity in winter months should be reduced as excessive moisture paired with cold can potentially lead to fungal infections on the plant's leaves.

Zygo Watering

Zygo Orchids: Care Guidelines for Water and Humidity

- During the warmer months, Zygo orchids require ample water and high humidity.
- Once the pseudobulbs have fully developed, reduce watering. *(Pseudobulbs are water-storing organs that form between the leaf nodes.)*
- Avoid letting the potting medium dry out completely; water when the top of the soil starts to dry out.
- To boost humidity, place a pebble tray filled with water under the container.

Ensure that the pot is elevated on the pebbles to prevent it from absorbing the water directly.