



ONCIDIUM CULTURE (Varicosum Type)

General guide to basic culture

TEMPERATURE: These are plants which do not require heat and will grow outside even in winter.

WATERING: In spring, summer and the warmer months they need to be watered at least once per week allowing to dry out between waterings; in winter not at all.

Always water early in the day.

FERTILISING: $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ recommended strength of liquid fertiliser fortnightly from spring through summer using a flowering type of fertiliser.

POTTING: Most types of orchid mixes can be used but repot only in spring when the new roots first start to appear as these plants only get one set of roots per year.

Alternatively they can be attached to a tree that does not shed its bark.

LIGHT & POSITION: Oncidiums require good light. A good idea is to grow them outside and bring them in when in flower.

For more information visit an orchid society such as The North Shore Orchid Society which meets at 8.00pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Dougherty Community Centre, 7 Victor Street, CHATSWOOD. All visitors welcome.