

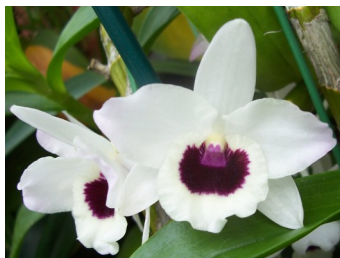
Australian Dendrobiums

kingianum, speciosum, x delicatum & hybrids



Dendrobium nobile

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Spring & Summer:

Bright light, lots of water (do not let them go dry) & fertilize (1/3-1/2 strength) every 2 weeks.

Mine go outside 4/20-25 into full sun (no need for hardening this early). If you wait till May, harden in light shade for 5-7 days.

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Can go outside into light shade by late April or early May. Water well while outside.

Sept. 15 : No more fertilizer.

October 15: Reduce watering of mature plants by 90% (to once every 3-4 weeks). If plants start to look desiccated, water a little more. I still leave them outside, but protect against excessive fall rains (water will prevent buds from forming). Bring inside, when the first frost is forecast.

Winter: As bright & cool a spot as you can manage. Once buds form, you increase watering. When buds get close to opening, resume normal watering & fertilizer schedule.

Same

Note: Seedlings/young plants should be watered & fertilized normally throughout the year.

Repotting: Plants should be repotted every 2 years. Either plastic or clay pots can be used; I prefer clay as these plants can become 'top heavy'.
If you use a bark/charcoal/perlite mix, it should be fine particles ('seedling' size).
I prefer a mix of sphagnum moss & larger size bark particles, in approx. 4:1 ratio. At the end of the dry rest period, you might need to soak the pot to get the moss to absorb water again.
If you are prepared to water a lot, you can grow the plants in pebbles or LECA nuggets. This way you do not have to repot till the pot is full of canes.