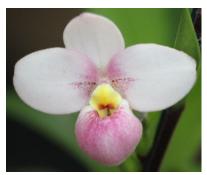
Phragmipedium







Light:

These Western Hemisphere slippers need higher light than Paphiopedilum, mature plants closer to the light level of Cattleya. All the way up in an East or West facing window would be ideal. Smaller seedlings should be in lower light, closer to the Paphiopedilum level.

Temperature: 55-85°F

Water:

Paphiopedilum need constant moisture, but **Phragmipedium** need **LOTS OF WATER**. Many of the species grow near water falls or in meadows that flood for months at a time.

- Phrag. caudatum, sargentianum, longifolium & their hybrids need to be watered copiously.
- All other Phragmipedium species, and their hybrids, do best if actually standing in 1"-2" deep water, which should be replaced periodically so it does not go stale.

I use deep pots, and drill 3-4 holes about 2.1/2" up the side. That way the roots can reach the water, but there is still air flow through the pot.

Fertilizer:

We fertilize every 2 weeks, using Peters 20:20:20, applied at 300 PPM from March through November, and 200 PPM from December through February.

Repotting:

With the heavy watering schedule, the potting mix breaks down very quickly, so plan on repotting every year.

They can be grown in either: Pure spaghnum moss

Mix of spaghnum & bark (about 3:1 ratio)

Bark/charcoal/perlite or similar mix

When repotting, the plants should be potted at the same depth as Paphiopedilum (the root crown (A) should be 3/8" below the surface of the potting mix (B).

