

Botanical Name: Cymbidium sp.

Common Name: Cymbidium orchid

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, upright grassy plants with thick, bulb-like
structures at the base of each section

Height 3' Spread 3-5' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure in/out half shade outdoors; bright light indoors

Soil coarse, well-drained potting soil - orchid mix available

Hardiness tender

Morphology:

Leaves leathery, grassy leaves to 3 ft. long arising from thick
pseudo-bulbs which grow and flower for 2-4 years

Flowers racemes of brightly colored flowers: green orange, red,
white, pink, yellow -- waxy

Fruit thin pod-like to 3" long

Propagation: division, seed, tissue culture

Usage: striking specimen plant when blooming; usually kept
under shade outdoors in an inconspicuous spot when not blooming. Sometimes
used in raised beds. Needs cool temperatures (45-50) to bloom.

Landscape Care:

Watering keep soil moist through warm months

Fertilizing feed bi-monthly January-July; monthly August-December

Pruning divide only when very pot-bound (3 active bulbs/pot)

Pests/Diseases root rot, snails and slugs

Special Conditions plants should be pale green if in sufficient light

Origin: Trop. Asia Family: Orchidaceae