

Botanical Name: Schizanthus pinnatus

Common Name: Butterfly Flower, Poor Man's Orchid

Type of Plant: bedding plant Character annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright single or few-stemmed plant with delicate foliage
and large quantities of small orchid-like flowers

Height to 18" Spread to 8" Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade

Soil prefers well-drained, slightly acidic soil

Hardiness tender to frost and heat

Morphology:

Leaves once or twice pinnatifid to 3" long, stems and leaves
slightly pubescent

Flowers cymes, flowers violet, pink, purple, upper petals usually
with orange to yellow blotch

Fruit small 2-valved capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: good shade annual mixed with primrose, cineraria,
impatiens, etc., used in color pots, raised beds, etc.

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering, but avoid soggy conditions

Fertilizing balanced when planting, low nitrogen fertilizer 2X month

Pruning pinch off spent blooms

Pests/Diseases snails, root rot where drainage is poor

Special Conditions start plants in late fall from seed, keep inside until
weather warms

Origin: Chile Family: Solanaceae