



Cultural Requirements – Leptotes

Pronounced: lep-TOE-teez | **Tribe:** Epidendreae |
Subtribe: Laeliinae

A group of small species, named for their delicateness. They have small pseudobulbs, form tight clumps, and produce proportionally large flowers. Notably, *Leptotes bicolor*'s seed capsules were once used for ice cream flavoring. 8 species recognized (2007), native to Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay.



Temperature: Cool to warm. 60-75F, tolerating higher summer temperatures with adequate watering

Lighting: Bright light with some midday shade.

Watering: Water heavily during active growth and less during dormancy, allowing media or mount to approach dryness between. Humidity should be kept above 50%

Fertilizer: Use a balanced fertilizer year-round, adjusting the amount based on watering frequency.

Potting: While they can be potted in well-drained media, their semi-pendant nature makes them better suited for mounting.

References: *American Orchid Society via aos.org*

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