



Cultural Requirements – Maxillaria

Pronounced: max-ih-LARE-ee-uh

Tribe: Maxillarieae | **Subtribe:** Maxillariinae

Making up one of the largest genera (700 as of 2007), this sympodial grower divides into two main groups based on pseudobulb arrangement: tightly clustered tufts and longer internodes/rhizomes. Species like the fragrant *M. tenuifolia* are popular



Temperature: Most species thrive under intermediate temperatures (55F nights/85F days), depending on origin of species.

Lighting: Bright, indirect light for at least six hours. Do well in bright, indirect light, similar to cattleyas.

Watering: Regular, year-round watering, allowing the plants to nearly dry out between waterings. Maintain 40-70% humidity.

Fertilizer: Diluted at 1/4 to 1/2 strength approximately twice a month during the growing season.

Potting: Sensitive to disturbance. Repot only when new growth and roots are visible.

References: *American Orchid Society via aos.org*

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