



Cultural Requirements – Paphinia

Pronounced: pah-FINN-ee-ah

Tribe: Maxillarieae | **Subtribe:** Stanhopeinae

This tropical genus is known for its showy flowers. Most species are found in the Amazon, with *Paphinia cristata* being the most widespread. The flowers, which are colorful and range from 3" to 8" across, can be single or multi-flowered. As of 2020, 16 species and 6 varieties of *Paphinia* are recognized and predominantly distributed across Tropical America.



Temperature: Intermediate to warm, depending on species

Lighting: Low to intermediate.

Watering: Plants should NOT dry out completely. Thrive in high humidity with 70-90% preferred.

Fertilizer: Not heavy feeders. Balanced fertilizer at half strength weekly is sufficient.

Potting: Small pots or baskets with moisture-retaining medium. Mounted on soft treefern slabs beneficial given their pendent spikes.

References: *American Orchid Society via aos.org*

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