



Cultural Requirements – Phaius

Pronounced: FAY-us | **Tribe:** Arethuseae | **Subtribe:** Bletiinae



The genus contains around 50 pseudobulbous, sympodial, robust species with very short rhizomes, with both terrestrial and epiphytic species. The 4-inch wide flowers are very showy and distinctive, borne on 3- 4 ft tall inflorescences. Several different species native to Madagascar are encountered in the trade under the name Phaius, but these eight species are now known as *Gastrochis*.

Temperature: Keep above 60F.

Lighting: Provide moderate to bright filtered light at 2400-3600 footcandles.

Watering: Ensure ample water during growth phases, once complete, maintain drier conditions in slightly cooler temperatures. Keep humidity between 40-70%.

Fertilizer: Fertilize monthly with a 1-1-1 ratio as recommended on the container, or when the inflorescence appears.

Potting: 1) A blend of 1 part peat to 1 part soil or 2) A mixture of 1 part loam to 1 part rotted cow manure to 1 part peat.

References: *American Orchid Society via aos.org*

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