

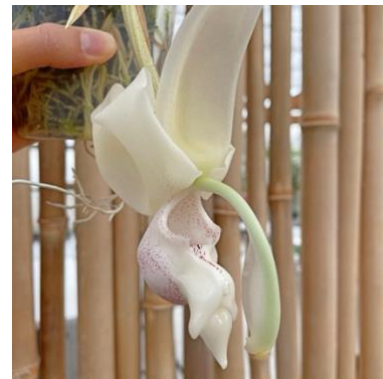


Cultural Requirements – Stanhopea

Pronounced: stan-HOPE-ea

Tribe: Maxillarieae | **Subtribe:** Stanhopeinae

These epiphytic, sympodial orchids grow from sea level to about 13000ft elevation, with plicate, dark-medium green leaves and pseudobulbs ranging in size from small walnuts to large pears. They produce a pendant raceme of medium to large spiral flowers, often fragrant, pollinated exclusively by male euglossine bees. As of 2007, 66 species are recognized found throughout Mexico, Central and South America, and Trinidad.



Temperature: Warm to intermediate / Cool

Lighting: Filtered to bright sunlight

Watering: Maintain even moisture and high humidity (70-90%)

Fertilizer: Balanced fertilizer half-strength monthly during the growing season.

Potting: Pendulous inflorescences ideally grown in baskets or mounted.

References: *American Orchid Society via aos.org*

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