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DESCRIPTION

Jewel orchids, or *Ludisia*, unlike typical orchids, are grown for their beautiful foliage. They produce less prominent white flowers with off-white centers, but the pretty striped leaves overshadow these. Jewel orchids are terrestrial, meaning they grow on the ground.



TEMPERATURE

The most comfortable temperature for your jewel orchid is between 16°C and 25°C (61°F and 78°F).



LIGHT

Jewel orchids also don't do well with direct sunlight, so you might consider placing them away from the windows. A north-facing room or any other location to shield them from direct sunlight is an excellent option.



HUMIDITY

Jewel orchids typically enjoy humidity between 50-70%.



WATER

Jewel orchids need to be appropriately hydrated; remember that their natural habitat—the rainforest—gets enough water. At the same time, they don't like their roots sitting in a pool of water. Water when the top layer of soil is dry.



FERTILIZATION

Consider using a fertilizer ratio of 7-5-6 instead of the typical orchid flower mix because it has a high concentration of phosphorus to encourage blooming.



POTTING & MEDIA

Jewel orchids will not thrive in a regular orchid mix containing mostly orchid bark. Try a soil mix consisting of 50% peat moss and 50% perlite. The perlite helps to reduce the density of the media and promotes the flow of air.

TIPS

Your bathroom might not seem like the perfect location to place a house plant, but the humidity in your bathroom would be excellent for your jewel orchid.

Consider repotting your jewel orchid once a year.