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DESCRIPTION

The tolumnia orchid, also known as the Dancing-lady orchid, is a blended, hybridized flower of the equitant oncidium species. The term “equitant” comes from the Latin that translates to “riding a horse” and refers to how the leaves straddle each other, much like straddling a horse.



TEMPERATURE

Tolumnias enjoy intermediate temperatures generally ranging from 55-90°F (13-32°C) with a daytime temperature between 70-80°F (21-26°C) as ideal.



LIGHT

Tolumnia orchids enjoy sunlight and will tolerate direct sun in both the morning and evening hours. A south-facing window would also be appropriate; however, you will need to protect it from the hot midday sun.



HUMIDITY

For normal, healthy growth and development of your tolumnia orchid, a humidity level between 45-70% will suffice.



WATER

Roots should be allowed to dry completely between waterings. Leaves should also not remain wet for extended periods. If your orchids are potted, ensure that excess water is flowing freely out of the pot.



FERTILIZATION

Supply your orchid with frequent, diluted treatments of fertilizer (and it is the preferred approach for cultivated plants) Professionals in cultivating recommend fertilizing anywhere from every two to five waterings.



POTTING & MEDIA

Tolumnias need to be grown in a substrate that is fast draining. They must also have sufficient aeration for rapid drying. Popular options include bark, coconut fiber, charcoal, and sphagnum moss.

TIPS

- Tolumnia orchids are one of the varieties that will re-bloom off of established inflorescences after initial flowering. Once blooms start to die, do not cut them off.
- Additionally, you can increase the life of your blooms by increasing the humidity in the air around your plant.