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## ORCHIDEE

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### ODONTOGLOSSUM

Origin: northern zone of South America

- **TEMPERATURES:** in winter, during the night, it can come down until 10°C without problem. During the day 18°C are ok. In summer avoid the too much intense heats airing and shading the plant. It is recommended to put the odontoglossum in garden from May (after the flowering) to October.
- **LIGHT:** odontoglossum are filtered light orchids. They don't like full sun, but they also fear the dark places. The ideal is putting them in winter near a window and in summer under shading or in a room in 1 meter from the window protected from a light awning.
- **WATER:** the morning once the week in summer, every 10 days in winter. Fertilize 1 time every 2 waterings. Don't water the heart of the plant and let it drain before replacing to their place. Between 1 watering and the other, vaporize the leaves in order to maintain a good humidity and set the plant on trays of gravel partially filled with water so that the pot never sit in water.
- **POTTING:** Choose medium pine bark: it is light and aired and a plastic pot. Remove from the plant all bark and the roots dead. Don't put the plant in the center of the pot, but a little bit of side, in order to leave space to the new vegetation. Begin again watering before three or four weeks after the repotting (hold the plant humid with frequent spray).
- **DISEASE:** odontoglossum are sensible to the louses, above all on the flower spike. Make an adequate treatment.

- PARTICULAR CARE: if the bulbs dried up there can be 2 reasons: humidity shortage (see point 3) or all roots of the plant are dead caused by an excess of watering (it is necessary repotting: see point 4).

- PLANTS AND FLOWERS SIZES: generally plants size is between 30 and 50 cm and flower size is between 2 and 15 cm.