

Cultural Information – Anoectochilus
(an-oh-ek-to-KY-lus)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun or shade; an eastern, western or northern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Maintain humidity above 50%.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring medium to slight dryness and then thoroughly saturate the mix. Don't bring the medium to total dryness.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They require low levels of fertilizer. Fertilize once a month with ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Use a low balanced fertilizer no higher than a 15-15-15.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Old flower spikes can be removed and any leaves that are damaged or worn.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Slugs can damage young leaves. They do have problems with foliar diseases if kept too wet and grown in poor air circulation.
<u>Comments</u>	Anoectochilus 'Jewel Orchids' are terrestrial orchids that need a porous open growing medium (sphagnum works well) and moderate to low light. They do prefer higher humidity so attention needs to be given to keeping the humidity above 50%. They can be grown in terrariums as long as they are adjusted slowly to the high humidity and supplied with good quality light.