

Cultural Information – Potinara
(pah-tih-NAR-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun, an eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 50° with a 10-degree increase in temperature during the day are helpful.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; put orchids on a humidity tray or a tray with pebbles.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring potting medium to almost dryness unless growing in bark or coir chips, and then water them on a schedule usually every 7-10 days. Thoroughly saturate.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	During their growing season, periodically fertilize with ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water every four weeks. Do not over fertilize. The roots are sensitive to too much fertilizer. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like a 7-9-5.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Cut off old flower spikes after flowering is complete.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Most susceptibility to root rot.
<u>Comments</u>	Repot every 12-18 months and make sure they are held tightly within the pot. Root health is the most important aspect of orchid culture. Light is the next important aspect. If declining, generally the root system has been lost.