

Cultural Information- Spathoglottis
(spath-oh-GLOT-tiss)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun; an eastern or western exposure. They need some direct sunlight. Under full sun the leaves can appear yellow.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60° yet they will tolerate lower temperatures into the 40's as long as it's not sustained.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably above 50% but will tolerate lower levels with out harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Keep evenly moist and be sure that the potting mix is open and well drained.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeders; fertilize weekly or biweekly with a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower as long as temperatures are above 60°.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little need for pruning except to remove old yellowing or damaged leaves and old flower stems.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects. As long as temperatures are warm, above 60°, there are few issues with diseases.
<u>Comments:</u>	Spathoglottis are terrestrial orchids that are easy to grow and make excellent container plants for the summer garden as well as the home. As they are ground dwelling orchids, they can tolerate a more moist potting mix without harming the roots and flower easily as long as they have enough light. If plants don't bloom, increase the amount of direct sun the plants receive.