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Growing Hardy Orchids (Kew Growing)



Synopsis

Lavishly illustrated, *Growing Hardy Orchids* highlights over one hundred and fifty species of hardy orchids in North America, Europe, and Australia that will thrive in temperate climates with little or no protection. Orchids have enormous horticultural appeal and are widely cultivated at home, so gardeners seeking to beautify their yards will delight in this well-researched and practical step-by-step guide. Focusing on the cultivation of orchids in greenhouses, pots, and gardens, *Growing Hardy Orchids* offers a wealth of advice on planting seedlings, ensuring nutritional needs will be met, and preventing pests and diseases, all clearly explained through the basics of orchid structure and life history. In addition to an abundance of practical cultivation information, the book provides timely accounts of conservation and attempts to reintroduce native orchids back into the wild. The authors are among the world's foremost orchid experts, and this colorful guide will enable even the humblest beginner to enjoy orchids in the garden.

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Customer Reviews

Philip Seaton is former editor of the *Orchid Review* and the author of *Growing Windowsill Orchids*, also published by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Phillip Cribb is a leading orchid specialist and former Deputy Keeper of the Herbarium and Curator of the Orchid Herbarium at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Margaret Ramsay is an expert in micropropagation and the reintroduction of endangered orchids into the wild. Grace Prendergast is a renowned expert on raising hardy orchids from seed. John Haggar is a preeminent amateur grower of hardy European orchids.

I am an orchid collector and have slowly accumulated them through the years. This book informed me a lot since I am a windowsill grower, Growing Hardy Orchids gave me sound advice on repotting, fertilizer, water regimen and how to treat/prevent pests and diseases. Explained completely and succinctly by providing me the basics of orchid structure and life history. It also gives me culture information of species and also the latest developments of conservation and to reintroduce native endangered species orchids back into the wild. The writers are from the world's top orchid experts and providing us with pictures and illustrations will be a great help to newbies and beginner orchid collectors/growers to continue and have fun in growing orchid plants.

This book is for serious from scratch growers. That is not me so this book was of no use to me. I'm sure that serious growers would rate the book much higher.

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