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Growing Notes

Spathoglottis

spath-o-GLOT-tis

Carl Blume established this beautiful terrestrial genus in 1825. The generic name is from the Greek spathe = spathe and glotta = tongue and refers to the shape of the labellum. Type species for this genus is *Spathoglottis plicata*. In tropical climates, *Spathoglottis* are commonly seen growing as garden plants. There are many beautiful species and hybrids that seem to be constantly in flower. The flowers are generally large and the colour range is extensive. Commonly seen species are *Spathoglottis plicata* and *Spathoglottis Vanoverbergh*.

They are found throughout Asia, New Guinea, northern Australia and the islands of the Pacific Ocean and make beautiful garden plants in the warmer parts of Australia.

Light: Bright light. They have observed a number of different species growing in full sun in the Philippines and Australia.

Water-Humidity: Maintain even moisture and high humidity. Constant air movement is also important.

Fertilizer: Half-strength balanced fertilizer during the growing cycle, once a week. Once every 2 weeks in the cooler months.

Potting: Rich cymbidium-type medium in a terra cotta or plastic pot. Can be grown in raised beds providing there is good drainage.

