

## Orchid 'Polystachya pubescens' (Orchid593)

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Polystachya pubescens is a small orchid species from South Africa. This species produces erect inflorescences on top of the pseudobulbs. Flowers are yellow to gold, with red to orange, horizontal striations on the upper tepals. This species is cultivated easily in greenhouses, outside or indoors.



Plant type:



flowering plant

Place:



indoor

Adult width:



10 cm

Light:



no direct sun

Watering:



normal

Araflora info



botanical

### Product info

Polystachya pubescens is a small species from the orchid family. This sympodial orchid forms multiple elliptical, erect pseudobulbs. From each pseudobulb, two to three leathery, lancet-shaped leaves are formed that show a deep running vein. In between the leaves, when the pseudobulb is mature an erect inflorescence could arise. The species flowers from early autumn to winter. The lightly hairy inflorescence reaches around 25 centimeter in length and carries up to eight flowers. Flowers are yellow to golden and show a remarkable, horizontal, red to orange striation on the upper tepals. The flowers produce a pleasant honey-like scent.

Height:

14 cm



Width:

10 cm



Adult height:

40 cm



Adult width:

10 cm



Flower colour:

red



Flower period:

all year



Product:

plant



Plant type:

flowering plant



Growth habit:

climbing



Growth habit:

epiphytical



Properties:

limited



Growth rate:

normal



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Natural habitat:

South America



Altitude range:

0-1000 m



## Plantcare

*Polystachya pubescens* grows naturally in South Africa on elevations of 1500 meters. The species grows on exposed rocky outcrops as epiphyte or sometimes as lithophyte. It is an easy to grow species for cool greenhouses, outside or in the living room. Make sure the temperature stays between 12 and 3 degrees Celsius. This species is not severely affected by low humidity. Allow for excellent ventilation. This orchid requires bright indirect light; try to avoid direct mid-day sun. Pot the plant in an airy mix for epiphytes. In between waterings it is possible to let the soil dry out a bit. Fertilize weekly with specialized orchid fertilizer, half the recommended dosage.

Care:  
easy



Place:  
indoor



Place:  
artificial lighting



Light:  
no direct sun



Light:  
semi sun



Fertilize:  
medium



Maintenance:  
can be pruned



Watering:  
normal



Watering tips:  
not standing in water



Air humidity at day:  
60-90%



Air humidity at night:  
70-90%



Air movement:  
large



Temperature max:  
30 °C



Temperature min:  
15 °C



Soil ph:  
<6-7>



Soil type:  
mixed



Repotting:  
after 1 year

