

Orchid 'Dracula lotax' (Orchid597)

Dracula lotax

€ 34.00

Dracula lotax is an intermediate to cool growing miniature orchid from Ecuador and Peru. This plant consists of multiple fresh green rhizomes carrying only solitaire leaves. The remarkable flowers arise in spring. Grow this species in shady, high humidity conditions.



Plant type:



flowering plant

Place:



indoor

Adult width:



10 cm

Light:



no direct sun

Watering:



normal

Araflora info



botanical

Product info

Dracula lotax is a miniature orchid which grows as an epiphyte. This species grows multiple horizontally to ascending, branching rhizomes carrying solitaire leaves. The specially adapted roots grow from these stems where this plant anchors itself with. The leaves are narrow, lanceolate, folded and have a bright green color. The plant flowers in spring by producing a single or a multitude of pendant inflorescences, carrying a single flower. The strikingly white and fuzzy center of the flower carries three narrow, purple filaments. The inside of the flower is remarkably decorated with darker patterns, the labellum is bright white. This species is propagated by dividing mature plants.

Height:
5 cm



Width:
5 cm



Adult height:
40 cm



Adult width:
10 cm



Flower period:
all year



Product:
plant



Plant type:
flowering plant



Growth habit:
climbing



Growth habit:
epiphytical



Properties:
limited



Growth rate:
normal



Araflora info:
botanical



Natural habitat:
South America



Altitude range:
0-1000 m



Plantcare

Dracula lotax occurs in damp montane forests of Ecuador and Peru at altitudes from 600 to 1800 meters. The species grows on branches of trees as an epiphyte. Cultivate this species in temperatures of 14 to 25 degrees. Higher temperatures are endured with more difficulty. This species demands a higher humidity of at least 75%, higher is preferable. Growing this species in a cool greenhouse or terrarium is advised. Light conditions could be relatively shady, try to avoid direct sunlight hitting the leaves. Pot this plant in an airy mixture for epiphytes, consisting for the main part of sphagnum moss. Make sure that the mixture never dries out completely between waterings but prevent soggy conditions as this will suffocate the roots. Fertilize the plant once a week with specialized orchid fertilizer, 1/4 the recommended strength.

Care:

easy



Place:

artificial lighting



Light:

semi sun



Fertilize:

medium



Watering:

normal



Watering tips:

not standing in water



Air humidity at night:

70-90%



Temperature max:

30 °C



Soil ph:

< 6-7>



Repotting:

after 1 year



Place:

indoor



Light:

no direct sun



Artificial light height:

20-40 cm



Maintenance:

can be pruned



Watering tips:

free draining mixture



Air humidity at day:

60-90%



Air movement:

large



Temperature min:

15 °C



Soil type:

mixed

