## **ONCIDIUM:**



**Light** - Oncidiums grow in moderate sun in nature and need **3 to 4 hours of bright sun on their leaves.** A south, east or west window with sunlight at noon is good. As the days get brighter, move your orchid into stronger sunlight gradually.

**Water** - When the top of the mix is just dried out, water your Oncidium. Intergeneric Oncidinae do not like to dry out completely. However, some members of the genus Oncidium do like to dry a bit more between waterings.

**Temperature** - Oncidiums do fine with day temps of 100 degrees and nights down to the upper 40's.

**Repotting** - Report every 1 to 2 years. Use fine bark mixed with a little perlite and ground peat. You can also use sphagnum moss.

**Feeding** - Monthly fertilizing with half-strength houseplant food is fine.

**Pests** - Oncidiums are subject to scale - white stuff or spots on the leaves and pseudobulbs. Spray with a mixture of 2 Tbs dormant oil to 1 quart isopropyl alcohol and rub the scale off. Remove dry sheaths from the pseudobulbs so scale can't hide underneath.

## **CATTLEYA:**



**Light** - Cattleyas grow in strong sun in nature and need **4 to 6 hours of strong sun on their leaves**. A south, east or west window with sunlight at noon is good. As the days get brighter, move your orchid into stronger sunlight gradually.

**Water** - Let the top inch or so of the mix dry out before you water your Cattleya. However, minicatts in small pots need to be kept a little damper than larger Cattleyas.

**Temperature** - Cattleyas do fine with day temps of 100 degrees and nights down to the upper 40's.

**Repotting** - Repot every 3 years or when one growth is over he edge of the pot. Use medium size bark for plants up to 5 inch pot size and large bark for pots 6inches or larger. You can grow Cattleyas in plastic or clay pots.

**Feeding** - Biweekly Fertilizing with half-strength houseplant food is fine.

**Pests** - Cattleyas are most subject to scale - white stuff or spots on the leaves and pseudobulbs. Spray with a mixture of 2 Tbs dormant oil to 1 quart isopropyl alcohol and rub the scale off. Remove dry sheaths from the pseudobulbs so scale can't hide underneath.