

It's Ryan "The Orchid Guy" here :-)

Today, we continue our "Top 10" List of the most common reasons why your orchid won't rebloom from our book:

<http://www.OrchidsMadeEasy.com/TheBook.html>

We're down to the #2 Most Common Reason, so without further delay, get right to it!

THE TOP 10 REASONS WHY YOUR ORCHID WON'T REBLOOM

REASON #2

Wrong Temperature... Too hot or too cold!

Simply put: Orchids will ONLY rebloom when they are maintained in their preferred temperature range...

But before you start worrying too much, one of the reasons why Orchids make such FANTASTIC indoor plants is because they typically thrive in temperature ranges that humans find comfortable!

However, that being said... Getting the temperature just right for your orchids can still sometimes be a challenge -- especially in parts of the world with extreme temperature fluctuations during the year.

When you're choosing an orchid for yourself, it's important to understand that orchids can be divided into three temperature categories, which we'll broadly define as: Cool, Intermediate, and Warm.

The *night-time* temperatures that correspond with each of these categories are:

- Cool = (45-55F/7-13C)
- Intermediate = (55-60F/13-16C), and
- Warm = (65F/18C or higher)

*Remember, we're talking about *night-time* temperatures here. Just keep that detail in mind for now.

(I'll explain the significance of this fact in a

future newsletter... but for now, let's keep moving forward.)

Cool orchid examples include most Cymbidiums and Dendrobiums.

Intermediate examples include Paphiopediliums and Oncidiums.

And Warm examples include Phalaenopsis and Vandas.

Just be sure to consult a temperature chart (such as the one included in our book) to determine the optimal temperature for YOUR particular variety.

Once you've determined the optimal temperature range for your orchid, the next step is to evaluate the temperature conditions in your home.

When you do this, I have a few tips for you.

First, you'll want to use a "maximum/minimum thermometer" to get an accurate reading of the high & low temperatures throughout the day & night.

And for a little as under \$20, you can pick one up at your local hardware store.

If you're looking for a recommendation, here's the actual min/max thermometer I use at home (click on the link below):

<http://www.on2url.com/app/adtrack.asp?MerchantID=142030&AdID=436489>

Remember, you should place the thermometer in the exact location where you plan to place your plant - it's not uncommon for the inside temperature of a home (or even a single room!) to vary by 10-20 degrees F or more depending on location of heat/air-conditioning vents, natural light, airflow, and appliance use.

So in other words, you'll want to be more accurate than simply taking the reading of an unmovable, wall-mounted thermometer (unless of course you happen to plan on placing your orchid next to that thermometer).

Also, don't forget to account for temperature

changes within your home from one season to another.

For this, I like to take a temperature reading on the 1st & 15th of every month, and keep track of this in a little notebook or a calendar.

If you live in a part of the world that experiences extreme fluctuations in temperature from one day to the next, you may want to take readings more often.

Finally, if you find that your home isn't the ideal temperature for your particular variety - don't despair!

Sometimes all it takes is moving your plant to a warmer/cooler location within your home - e.g. closer to the heating vent or a south-facing window, and presto! Problem solved :)

One thing's for certain, the better you know your home's environment, when adding future plants to your collection, the better you'll be able to choose varieties that are a perfect match for you, and your home!

Tomorrow we wrap things up and finish our list with...

The #1 Most Common Reason Why Your Orchid Won't Bloom!

...You won't want to miss what it's all about... people have told me that this ONE TIP has resolved YEARS of frustration!

Until then, to healthy vibrant blooms! :-)

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