

It's Ryan "the orchid guy" here :-)

In our last newsletter, we talked about the #10 Reason Why Your Orchid Won't Rebloom - with some tips on what to do about it from our book:

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

(If you didn't get a chance to read that newsletter, you might want to go ahead and do that now...)

Today, we continue our "Top 10" list and cover the #9 Reason Why Your Orchid Won't Rebloom.

## THE TOP 10 REASONS WHY YOUR ORCHID WON'T REBLOOM

### REASON #9

Soil Conditions Are Too "Wet" During The Winter

Several orchid varieties - most notably Dendrobiums - require an extended dry period during the winter months.

Here's why:

In their natural habitat, Dendrobiums experience a dry period during the winter months lasting up to several weeks.

And in fact, this dry period is actually necessary to TRIGGER new flower buds to form!

So what does this mean for you?

If you're growing a Dendrobium, then you want to recreate this "dry period" for your orchid during the winter months by giving very little water to your plants.

And when spring arrives, you should reintroduce a "normal" watering schedule to your Dendrobium.

After your artificial dry period during the winter has triggered new bud formation in your orchid, introducing a normal watering schedule when spring arrives will mimic the spring rains that Dendrobiums experience in their natural

habitat.

And doing this will cause the buds on your orchid to swell and produce new flowers - just in time for spring :-)

(And believe me, this little trick actually works!)

But here's something you should know that sometimes causes confusion among orchid newbies:

The most common Dendrobium today is by far the "Dendrobium phalaenopsis."

And yes, this IS in fact a Dendrobium variety.

But be careful.

The Dendrobium Phaelanopsis should NOT be confused with the very popular Phaelanopsis or "Moth" orchid.

What's the difference, you ask?

Whenever discussing orchids, the first name that you see is the "Genus" of the plant - for example Dendrobium - and when written it should always be capitalized.

The second name that you see is the "species" of the plant, which is a specific variety of that Genus. It should always be lower-case.

In our case of Dendrobium phaelanopsis - "Dendrobium" is the genus and "phalaenopsis" is the species.

(technically, the proper name for this variety is Dendrobium \*bigibum\* - but it rarely goes by this name...)

So to answer our earlier question, What's the difference between Dendrobium phaelanopsis and a plain old Phalaenopsis?

Take a look at the tag on your plant.

If the first name on your tag is "Dendrobium" and

it's capitalized, then you have a dendrobium orchid on your hands.

If the first name is "Phalaenopsis" and it's capitalized then your orchid is a Phalaenopsis.

Now if your orchid only has ONE name, don't despair. It's safe to assume that the name refers to the GENUS of your plant.

So to sum things up: The popular "Dendrobium phalaenopsis" is in fact a Dendrobium - NOT a Phalaenopsis variety.

By the way, if you've already ordered our book, the set of "Orchid Cheat Sheets" that you've received includes both a sheet for the "Dendrobium Phaelanopsis" AND the "Phalaenopsis"

(because as you'll notice, despite their similar appearance, they have quite different care requirements...)

If you haven't yet ordered your copy of our book, and would like to receive the entire set of "Cheat Sheets" for all the most popular orchid varieties included absolutely FREE, please visit the following link:

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

In tomorrow's newsletter our countdown continues, and we'll cover the #8 Reason Why Orchids Won't Rebloom...

So stick around... More good stuff to come!

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