



PAPHIOPEDILUM

Commonly called slipper orchids. There are more than 50 species found in nature from high hills of northern India and China to lowlands of the Philippines. All flowers are characterised by a cuplike lip, called the pouch, and by a prominent dorsal sepal. They are primarily terrestrial, growing in leaf litter on the forest floor. Slippers are best grown in a fine bark mix. As they do not have pseudobulbs, they should never be allowed to dry out. The mix should be kept moist but not wet. Slippers should be fertilised regularly and grown under 75% shade with high humidity. Air movement should be maintained at all times but cold drafts should be avoided.

