



VANDA ALLIANCE

Vanda and allied species come from the tropics of Asia, India, Burma, Thailand and New Guinea. They are of monopodial habit, growing continuously throughout the year. Some of the terete vanda can be grown outdoors under full sun while the strap leaf type like light shade, approx. 30 - 50%. Air movement and high humidity should be maintained at all times but avoid drafts in winter. Vanda should be grown in a very open mix of large bark, foam, perlite, charcoal, etc preferring hanging basket culture where their roots can grow out of the basket. In summer, vanda may need daily watering, as well as misting several times a day. Water less in winter but never allow them to dry out. Vanda are heavy feeders, fertilize them regularly. When crossed with ascocentrum species to give ascocenda, the plants produced are smaller with some having brightly coloured flowers.

