

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE SHOULD THEY BE PLANTED?

A real curiosity, treasured in the shady rock garden or grown in a pot inside the home. They deserve a special place where they can be appreciated up close, like beside a patio or at the edge of a bed.

HOW DO I WINTERIZE THEM?

After the first heavy frost, cut all shoots back to about 3 inches above the soil. Add a few inches of top dress mulch of straw, pine needles or leaves. Remove in early spring.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO SUB DIVIDE THEM?

These plants will re-bloom every year in the mid spring to summer. If desired, your plants may be divided in late fall. When doing so, use a dull knife and allow at least one eye per division. Dust the newly cut ends with a fungicidal powder before replanting.

WHAT HAPPENS IN EARLY SPRING FROSTS?

If left outside over winter, beware of late spring frosts, and cover the emerging leaves if necessary. It is at best in a cool, woodland situation where the rhizomes are still covered with mulch or leaves.

ARE THEY DEER RESISTANT

Mostly they are deer resistant unless there is a severe drought and the deer are starving due to a lack of other more likable plant material. When deer do get a little nibble, do not worry. It will not harm the plant as they begin to grow new leaf clumps immediately.

WHAT ARE GOOD COMPANION PLANTS?

Toad Lilies, Coreopsis, Day Lilies, Lamb's Ear, Miscanthus, Lobelia, Sedum, Malva, Gaillardia, Garden Phlox, Sweet William, Liliium make nice companions.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately. Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil.

Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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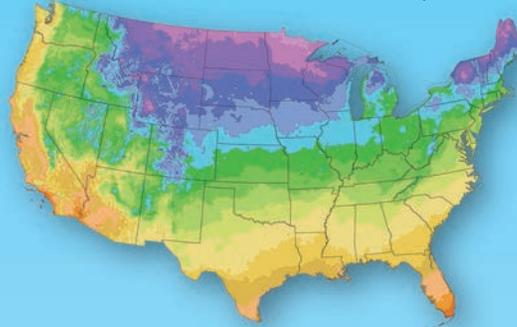
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11 (orange) 7a (light green) 6a (medium green) 5a (purple)
8a to 8b (yellow) 6b (green) 5bs to 5bn (light blue) 3a to 4b (pink)
7b (light yellow)



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Bletilla Hardy Chinese Orchid
(Bletilla striata hybrids)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Partial Sun to Partial Shade
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	5 to 9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	12-24 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	12-24 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Early Summer to Late Summer by second season.
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F.

PLANTING GUIDE

1
STEP

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2
STEP

Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water again. Plants prefer partial sun to partial shade.

3
STEP

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 6 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

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STEP

Planted now they will produce flowers in early summer to late summer by second season.

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SHELF LIFE

Plant into garden or larger pots and place outside immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

PLANT PREPARATION

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GARDEN LOCATION

They prefer partial sun or partial shade.

POTTED PLANTS

You may plant them one per 6 inch pot or combine together into larger pots.

SOIL

Grow in fertile, moist but well-drained soil. Amend clay type soils with compost or potting mix.

WATER

Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.

SPACING

In garden space at least 4 to 6 inches apart. In pots you can space a little closer.

HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 12 to 24 inches tall and 12 to 24 inches wide.

FERTILIZER

This helps maintain flower size and count from year to year. For best results, use Roberta's Flower Magic Plant Food (M7503) once a month all summer long.

LIGHTING

Partial sun or partial shade is preferred.

BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming begins in early summer to late summer by second season.

TEMPERATURE ZONE 5 to 9

If they are planted in the ground, they will come up at the right time without worries of frost damage. If they are planted in pots, you may place your pots outside and leave them there all summer long when nights stay above 35F degrees. They are hardy to minus 15 F below 0 if planted in the garden and a little less if planted in pots.

WINTER DORMANCY

After the first heavy frost, cut all shoots back to about 3 inches above the soil. Add a few inches of top dress mulch of straw, pine needles or leaves. Remove in early spring.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Winter Hardy Orchid
Shipped as Shown



Winter Hardy Orchid
in rock garden



Second season growth of
Hardy Orchid



Will Thrive in Part Sun or
Part Shade