

Petit Tolumnia

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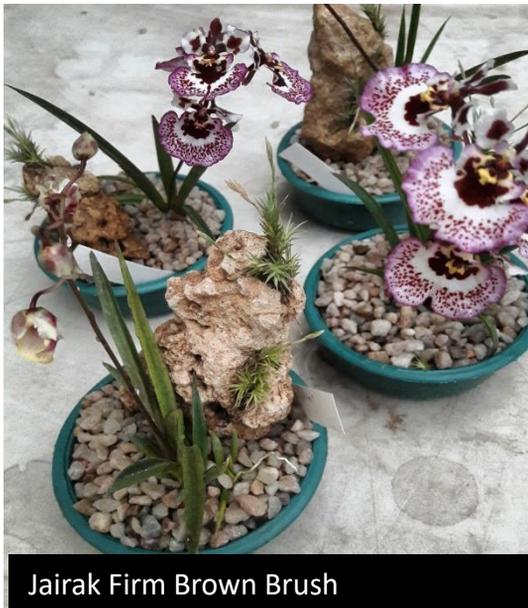
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Tolumnia

Tolumnia orchids originate from the Caribbean, and grow on islands like Jamaica. Plants are adaptable and grow in semiarid, arid moist regions in both dry and humid subtropical forests. The plants are found growing on small twigs on shrubs and small trees in forests, they are exposed to bright light and plenty air movement. Because of their exposed positions they never remain wet for long, but the areas in which they grow are coastal and subtropical and have high humidity conditions all the time.

The petit size these orchids are ideal for growing in terrariums and window sills where space is restricted.



Light : Tolumnia enjoy bright light, 50%, similar to what Cattleya grow in. They do tolerate more shaded conditions but may then be reluctant to flower.



Watering : This is the most crucial aspect of growing Tolumnia, as the plants and roots must dry in-between watering's. The plants do well mounted, however then they should be watered daily. With plants in pots one must be more vigilant, ensure drying out between watering takes place, remember water takes longer to evaporate in dark, cloudy and cold days. Always try water in the mornings, never water during midday as the water between leaves reaches boiling temperatures and will end up killing the Tolumnia. If in doubt whether to water on a cloudy day, rather skip watering.



Fertilizer : Tolumnia require only weak solutions of fertilizer ½ strength once every 3 waters

Potting and Mounting : Tolumnia grow very well mounted, they can be mounted onto a small twig or piece of wood using pantyhose with which to tie them on. Add some sphagnum moss to help hold humidity. They can also be grown in a small pot, the pot should have sufficient drainage holes. The medium should be made up of coarse gravel (4mm) and (bark chips 8mm). Terracotta pots also work well.

Pests and Diseases: The most common pests are mealy bugs and scale. These are best treated by physically removing the bugs with a damp wipe with meths or rubbing alcohol added. Malathion and Malasol are also effective in ridding the plant of these pests. Also Margaret Roberts systemic pesticide has good results. Divide large plants as they have a tendency to rot from the centre as they grow into larger clumps.

