



Cultural Interest Plant of the Month **July 2016**

Plant Name: *Epidendrum (Epi.) chlorops*

Exhibitor: Ken Hasse

Owners Comments:

Housing:

Orchid is grown in a covered shade house with 60% shade on roof, including solar weave and 50% on sides. Four fans run during daylight hours to circulate hotter air that gathers in the gable roof. This orchid is a cool to warm grower and requires high light at around 2000 to 3000 foot candle

Feeding:

Orchid is fertilised using Horticultural Solutions HSO22 and HSO12 alternating fortnightly between both 12 months of the year. Rate is 1 gram per litre. On alternate fortnight, orchids are foliar fed using HSO22 and HSO12 at same rate as above but also adding Amino K and Hysan to the foliar feed.

Watering:

In summer, at least daily and sometimes more in excessive heat. Watering or misting is less in winter but would be misted on average every day in mid morning after it has warmed up a little. However take note of the prevailing weather conditions and alter the frequency depending on whether it is extremely hot summer days or cooler than normal conditions. The orchid house is also misted regularly especially on hot days.



Grow in bright indirect light conditions.



Grow in cool to hot conditions, or 15°C to 29°C at night.