

Bletilla striata

Chinese Ground Orchid



PLANT DESCRIPTION

Plant Type: Terrestrial Orchid

Height / Width: 12" H x 18" W

Plant Form: Clumping

Flower / Fruit: In spring, up to a dozen pinkish purple 2 in.-wide Cattelya-like blossoms appear on each stem. Bloom lasts about 6 weeks.

Leaf Color, Size: Pale green leaves, three to six to a plant, remain attractive into early fall.

Native To: China, Japan and Tibet

GROWING REQUIREMENTS

Sunset Zones: 2B-9, 12-24

Soil: Well-drained average

Water: Regular

Sun: Partial Shade - Shade

Care and Pruning: Reduce watering when foliage begins to yellow in the fall, discontinue when leaves die. Blooms best when crowded.

GARDEN USE

Natural companion to ferns and wildflowers