

# Honohono

*(Dendrobium anosmum)*



These orchids are pendulous, with leaves all along the canes that drop off prior to blooming in the spring. After the leaves have dropped off the flower buds will appear and then bloom. Flowers usually last 3 to 4 weeks and are very fragrant.

At the same time keikis (babies) will start to grow in the pot from the base of each cane. When the keiki gets about 2 inches tall, cut off the old cane. Lay old canes out and water. Keikis will grow on the old canes and when they develop a sufficient root system, remove them and pot in a 4" pot to start a new plant.

Your mother plant will remain in its current pot for many years and every year the new growth (keikis) will grow longer and produce more flowers. The growth period for the Honohono is in summer; give warmth, water and fertilize heavily until top terminal leaf appears on canes, around November. Then give high light, little water, no fertilizer and cool nights. Around the first part of January, start watering and fertilizing your Honohono in preparation for its spring bloom.

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