

Cultural Interest Plant of the Month

February 2015



Plant Name: *Rhynchostylis coelestis* 'Blue'

Grower: Douglas Mogg

Housing: Part of my greenhouse can be enclosed in winter for Vandaceous Orchids. Roof is clear polycarbonate sheet with 50% shade cloth above, interior roof and walls lined with plastic, open at front North, 2 doors & rear flap, 2 fans provide air circulation, plants are suspended from roof with wires.

Feeding: Fertilizers used are HSO22, HSO12 & Peters B.B.

At a rate of 200gms in a 200litre drum of water, pumped onto plants using hand held hose, occasional dose of Powerfeed & Seasol are also used.

Watering: Tank water is used through sprinkler system; daily in hot summer months, once or twice a week during winter.

Potting Medium: Pots are plastic slatted Vanda type with a minimum of large bark used. Re-potting is only done when plants grow too tall. They are then topped & repotted.

Any other Cultural Notes: House is closed winter nights & auto heaters keep the temperature above 12°. Auto mister is also in operation during summer, keeps max temp around 32° and humidity around 50%.

Occasional spray of insecticide and fungicide.