



# Cattleyas

- Found in tropical Costa Rica south to Argentina in higher altitudes where the air is cool and moist
- Require high light but not direct sun and good humidity
- Temperature: 65 to 85 daytime; 60 or above at night; min 55, max 95
- Pot in well-draining media and let media dry out before watering
- Blooms on cues from temperature difference and day length
- Biggest problems: not enough light and overwatering



Left: color with correct light  
Right: too little light



Buds from a sheath

- Cattleyas do not go dormant
- Blooms are sensitive to cold drafts and very dry air



Time to repot

## Primary Cattleya

- **Cattleya** *CATT-lee-ah*
- **Guaranthe** *Gwar-e-ANTH-e*
- **Laelia** *lay-LEE-uh*
- **Sophronitis** *sof-roe-NYE-tis*

*Cattleya  
Alliance  
genera*

## Cattleya Relatives

- **Brassavola** *bra-sah-VOH-luh*
- **Encyclia** *en-SIK-lee-ah*
- **Epidendrum** *e-pee-DEN-drum*



Brassavola nodosa

Encyclia cochleata



reed-stem  
Epidendrum



Sophronitis coccinea