## **Catasetum Family**

(kat-ah-SEE-tum)

Deciduous plants having distinctive growth and rest (dormancy) periods, lends itself to be grown outside during the summer and inside during the winter





## Culture (growing season-summary comment)

<u>Early spring</u> – As the new growth develops **wait** to irrigate until the new roots are well-developed and are 3 to 5" long. (Don't be in a hurry to water; it is better to wait)

<u>Growing season</u> – Irrigate and fertilize frequently while the plants are in active growth. They enjoy abundant air movement, day temperatures of 80 to 100°F and night temperatures of 60 to 65°F (or higher). Can be grown hanging outside under trees, filtered light, Southern exposure.

**Fall** – Stop fertilization and reduce irrigation by one-half around by mid November.

**Dormancy** – Cease watering by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, day temperatures of 70 to 85°F and night temperatures can be reduced to 55°F. No light requirement.

**Potting mix** – Use New Zealand sphagnum or bark mixture, repot in spring when new growth is just starting to develop, prior to roots appearing.

**Insect pests** – Generally pest free, however spider mites are attracted to the soft leaves of these plants.



The size to begin watering