

Cattleya skinneri



Native of: Central America. It is the national flower of Costa Rica.

Habitat: We have seen this growing in Costa Rica at 1000m on large trees in seasonally dry forest.

Description: Stout pseudobulbs up to 30cm high carry two leathery leaves up to 15cm long. The inflorescence appears from a dry sheath and carries up to about ten flowers well clear of the leaves. Each flower is 7cm across.

Cultivation Guidance: At school we grow this species warm (min 15°C) in pots or baskets keeping plants dryish from October to April. Its natural habitat suggests it needs good light.

Flowering season Easter

Flask to flowering approx. 4yrs.

Seedling source: Writhlington School