



Cultural Requirements – Lycaste

Pronounced: Lye-CAST-ee | **Tribe:** Maxillarieae | **Subtribe:** Lycastinae



The Lycaste genus was previously divided into four sections: Deciduosae, Longisepalae, Lycaste, and Fimbriatae, which encompasses species such as barringtoniae and ciliata having a closer relationship with Anguloa than other sections. As of 2007, 31 species and 3 natural hybrids within this genus are distributed from Mexico to tropical South America.

Temperature: Maintain temperatures below 85F in the summer and between 50-70F in the winter varying according to altitude of species.

Lighting: Bright shade is suitable for most sections, with more sunlight allowed in winter if temperature is regulated.

Watering: Heavily allowing for media to dry between. Aim for high nighttime humidity, and maintaining above 50% during the day.

Fertilizer: Balanced fertilizer while bulbs are forming

Potting: Repot with a quick-draining mix

References: *American Orchid Society via aos.org*

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