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The Complete Garden Centre

Azalea Indicum

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Originating from China this azalea is now available in a vast range of colours. These plants do well on a north or east-facing windowsill.

Follow these golden rules for success:

Light: Plenty of diffused light but keep out of direct sun.

Temperature: Keep somewhere cool, the ideal temperature is 10°C to 13°C (50-55°F).

Humidity: Stand pots on saucers of wet pebbles (Hydroleca) ensuring plants NEVER stand in water. Mist spraying will increase humidity, but care must be taken to avoid spraying the flowers.

Watering: AN AZALEA SHOULD NEVER DRY OUT. Water plentifully – the best method is to plunge the pot into a bucket of rainwater (Azaleas hate hard limey water) leaving it until the bubbles stop (about 10 minutes). Allow to drain before placing back on its saucer.

Feeding: Feed with an ericaceous feed such as Miracle-Gro Ericaceous plant food or Maxicrop Seaweed plus Sequestrene Iron. This will also help to reduce alkalinity if rainwater is not available.

Feed weekly when flower buds form in early Autumn until spring then reduce to fortnightly and stop feeding in late summer.

Care after Flowering: As flowers fade remove them carefully together with their stalks. When flowering has finished move to a cool but frost-free room, continue watering plentifully. Remove any soft shoots which appear, leaving only those which grow after mid April. Once danger of frost has past, plunge pot into a shady position in the garden border, REMEMBERING to keep well watered and fed. The plant will grow in summer and start to develop buds which will flower in winter/spring.

Bring indoors late September, placing in a cool, well lit position. If the air is too dry, leaves and buds will drop. Temperature should only be increased when the buds begin to swell.

Re-potting: Azaleas should be transferred into a pot one size larger every two to three years as necessary, using an ericaceous compost. This should be done after flowering has finished but prior to moving outdoors.

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