

Oncidium Dancing Lady Orchid

Oncidiums are popular indoor orchids for a very good reason—their large sprays of flowers often sag with dozens of blooms. One common name for these orchids—dancing lady—is assigned because of the highly modified ruffled flowers. There are actually several hundred recognized *Oncidium* species, but the naming is not stable, so there is considerable flux as experts reclassify plants. They are readily hybridized, so new varieties are regularly introduced.¹

The most common oncidium orchids grow well under normal indoor conditions. They have large pseudobulbs (a bulbous thickened area of the stem) that come up from a mass of thin white roots. The large leaves can get up to 2 feet long and emerge from the pseudobulbs. Oncidiums typically flower in the fall.

