

Yellow Ground Orchid

Bletilla ochracea is a perennial, deciduous terrestrial orchid. It's long grass-like leaves number between 4 to 8 and grow alternately off a thick stem, with a total height of 30 to 50 centimeters. The highly pleated leaves are bright green in color, but in some clones the newly emerging growths can be suffused with dark purple-red, which turn green when fully mature. The plant looks much like a young palm tree seedling when out of flower. The thick rhizome has flattened, bulb-like internodes and a vigorous root system. Overall, the plant looks very similar to the well known *Bletilla striata*, but is a bit more gracile in appearance.



Minimum temperature tolerated is around 40 deg. It is suggested that you keep this in a pot so that it can be brought indoors during the winter months.