

## Cultural Information- Alsobia

*(al-SO-bee-a)*

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.

Partial sun or shade, grows to 6" in container, training in habit, minimum temperature 60°, intermittent bloomer .

<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Partial sun or shade. That is an east, west or north window.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Maintain temperatures above 60°, preferably above 65°.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. They will thrive under a dry to wet watering cycle.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	They are moderate feeders so ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a week is a general recommendation. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or our Dyna-Gro Liquid Grow Plant Food 7-9-5. When growth slows in winter, discontinue feeding.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Prune off any of the trailing stems that get too long to manage. Also, pruning will thicken up the growth, making a fuller specimen.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	Alsobia have susceptibility to both mealy bugs and thrip. Little problems with disease except for root disease when grown under excessive moisture and cool temperatures.
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	Alsobia are excellent houseplants for hanging pots in windows with moderate light. Grow with a little direct sunlight and they will flower continuously. They are also tolerant to periods of dryness.