

## Cultural Information- Arctotis

*(ark-TO-tis)*

Hardy to Zone 9 and higher for outdoors.

Full sun, grows to 6-8" in container, minimum temperature indoors 35°, blooms in spring, summer and fall.

<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35°.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	Preferably above 50% although they will tolerate lower levels.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	Allow the soil surface to become visually dry between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the soil. Try to avoid a severe wilt.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	They are moderate feeders that under high light benefit from regular applications of fertilizer. Feeding once a week during the active growing season will keep them vigorous. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Prune whenever growth is excessive. Plants that have been wintered over can be pruned hard in late winter or early spring to allow time for re-growth and flowering.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	They can have problems with aphids and under high heat in summer, root disease can be a problem.
<b><u>Comments:</u></b>	Arctotis are showy flowering plants that prefer cool nights and high light to perform well. They tolerate some dryness with a slight wilt between waterings being beneficial to maintain size. Under warm or hot night temperatures and hot days they can suffer from root diseases, which can cause a sudden collapse of the plants. Accurate management of watering helps mitigate this problem to some degree.