

Cultural Information- Bowiea
(BOW-ee-ah)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.
Full or partial sun, grows to 16" in container, minimum temperature 40°.

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure. Grow as close to the window as possible.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 40°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	They will tolerate wide swings in humidity with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings. When watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in clay pots is helpful as they like a dry soil environment.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They are moderate feeders, especially when grown under high light: use ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a week. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or Dyna-Gro Liquid Grow Plant Food 7-9-5. Stop feeding when dormant.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Once the plant has finished its growth it will go into dormancy, which is usually during the summer. At this time you can cut the entire vining stem off down to the bulb.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Bowiea have few problems with insects. Mealy bugs occasionally bother them. If kept too wet, rots that consume the bulbs can affect them.
<u>Comments:</u>	Easy and enduring plants, they grow rapidly and need some support to climb on. Repot as the bulbs fill up the pot. Don't over pot them.

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