

Cultural Information – Carmona

(car-MOH-nah)

Hardy Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.

Full or partial sun, grows to 8-12" in container, minimum temperature indoors 60°,
everbloomer.

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun; a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Generally keep the humidity above 50%, although they will tolerate lower levels for short period without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the surface of the soil to visual dryness between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the mix. If grown as a bonsai, pay careful attention to the watering as they can go from surface visual dryness to complete dryness very quickly and this can harm the plant.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate amounts of fertilizer. Feed weekly or biweekly with a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower as long as the light levels are high. Discontinue feed under low light and cool temperatures.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune plants as needed to maintain form.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects; mealy bugs can be an issue if other infected plants are nearby. With proper watering and light, there are few problems with root or foliar diseases.
<u>Comments</u>	Carmona microphylla or 'Fukien Tea' is an easy plant to grow provided it is kept warm above 60° and has some direct sunlight in its growing area. Be sure to water accurately especially when grown as a bonsai. They are great plants to shape and train into bonsai forms.

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