

Cultural Information- Clematis

(KLEM-uh-tiss)

Hardy to Zone 9 and higher for outdoors.

Full sun, grows to 3-5' in container, minimum temperature 50°, blooms in fall.

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 50°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Best to maintain humidity above 50% although it will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the soil to visual dryness between waterings and then thoroughly saturate.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeder under warmth and high light. Feed with a balanced fertilizer no higher than a 15-15-15 at regular intervals through its active growing season. Discontinue after flowering if grown in a cool situation.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune in late winter just as growth resumes or any time into early summer. Late season pruning will discourage flowering.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects; however, root diseases can affect plant if grown under low light and damp cool soils during fall and winter.
<u>Comments:</u>	Clematis smilacifolia initiates flowering on the shortening day lengths of late summer and early fall. Be sure not to disrupt the day length with artificial light. Once flowering is complete, be careful not to over water and to maintain temperatures as warm a possible to help control diseases.