

Cultural Information – Cyphomandra
(sy-foh-MAN-druh)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.
Full sun, grows 3-5' in container, minimum temperature 35°, blooms in spring and summer.

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings. They have a high water demand so attention needs to be given to watering needs.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Fertilize once a week with ¼ to ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Use a balanced fertilize like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like 7-9-5. Under cool winter temperatures and lower light levels, stop feeding. They are heavy feeders when grown under high light and warm temperatures.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune after fruit has ripened or if growth is excessive. They are fast growers when given root room and fertilizer. They take well to a severe pruning if needed.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Highly susceptible to whitefly and aphids. Some susceptibility to spider mite and mealy bug.
<u>Comments</u>	Cyphomandra is fast and easy to grow and fruit. Container size and fertilization will regulate the size of the plant. They generally flower throughout the year although in the north the flowering cycle is usually in spring with fruit ripening in late summer through winter.

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