

Cultural Information- Elaeocarpus
(el-lee-oh-KAR-pus)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.
Full or partial sun, grows to 2-5' in container, minimum temperature indoors 55°, winter, spring and summer bloomer.

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun; a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 55°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Best to maintain humidity above 50% although it will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Allow the soil surface to become visually dry between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the soil. Try to avoid a severe wilt.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Light to moderate feeders that benefit from regular intervals of a balanced fertilizer no higher than a 15-15-15 through its active growing season. For northern growers, discontinue during the winter especially if temperatures are cool.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Best time to prune is mid to late summer once the heavy flowering of spring and early summer has waned. Hard pruning can discourage flowering for a while.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Have few problems with insects or disease.
<u>Comments:</u>	Elaeocarpus are showy flowing plants that need good quality light to flower well. Be careful to go easy on the fertilizer and never apply it to a dry plant as they have sensitivity to fertilizer salts. In culture the heaviest flowering forms on the lateral branches.

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