

Cultural Information- Eucharis

(YOO-kuh-riss)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.
Full or partial sun, grows to 2' in container, minimum temperature 55°, blooms in
spring, summer and fall.

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun; a southern, eastern or western exposure. They will grow in indirect light or shade although the flowering can be inhibited.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 55°. They will tolerate temperatures down to just above freezing although this will slow down the blooming cycles.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Maintain humidity above 50% although they are tolerant to wide variations in relative humidity without any harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Allow the soil to become visually dry between watering and then thoroughly saturate the potting medium. In older cultivars a period of drought stress for several months that errs on the dry side helps induce flowering.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Fertilize at moderate levels when the minimum temperatures are above 60 degrees. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower or one with elevated phosphorus weekly or bi-weekly.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little pruning is needed except to remove old flower stems and an occasional leaf.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	They are prone to mealy bugs and can have issues with root diseases under cool damp conditions.
<u>Comments:</u>	Eucharis are easy plants to culture and are tolerant of dry conditions, low humidity, and erratic watering. The flower several time of the year and selected cultures tend to bloom better than the older standard varieties. Although they will grow at varying light levels, it is best to culture them in a bright spot with some direct sunlight.