

Cultural Information – Eugenia

(yoo-JEE-nee-uh)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.
Full or partial sun, grows to 2-4' in container, minimum temperature indoors 40°,
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<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun; a southern, eastern or western exposure. The more direct sun, the better.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain temperature above 60° if continual fruiting is desired. They will tolerate temperatures down into the 30's without harm.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Maintain relative humidity above 50% although they will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to state of visual dryness between waterings. A slight wilt will do no harm. Tolerates drought stress with ease.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeder; fertilize regularly once every 2 weeks through the growing season with a balanced dilute fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or lower.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune any out-reaching leads to maintain form. This can be done at any time. The growth habit is open and upright so pruning will create a fuller and more contained structure.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects and diseases. In the humid subtropical areas, there are foliage diseases that can affect the plants.
<u>Comments</u>	Eugenia reinwardtiana is an excellent potted fruiting plant that, when reaching several feet in height with dense branching stems, can produce an abundance of sweet red cherries on and off throughout the year. They are slow growing yet are easy to grow, with strong root systems and a tolerance to low humidity and lower light. Plants are generally grown from seed.

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