

Cultural Information – Faucaria

(fow-KAR-ee-uh)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.

Full or partial sun, grows to 2" in container, minimum temperature 55°, blooms in summer.

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 40°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	They will tolerate wide swings in humidity with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system. Grow drier during the winter months when temperatures are lower.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They are moderate to light feeders; ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water every two weeks using a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15, or a blooming fertilizer like 7-9-5. Stop feeding when not in growth.
<u>Pruning:</u>	They don't need pruning but can be divided when plants are older.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Faucaria have few problems with insects. Mealy bugs occasionally bother them. If kept too wet, rots of both the stems and roots can consume the plants.
<u>Comments</u>	An easy and enduring plant to grow. Good light and a little dryness between watering are essential for success.