

Cultural Information – Fockea
(FOK-ee-uh)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.
Full or partial sun, grows 1-2' in container, vining in habit, minimum temperature 50°, blooms in fall.

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	They are not affected by low humidity.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings. When watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until a little water runs from the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system. They do not want constant soil moisture, as they are dry land plants.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Fertilize once a month with ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Be careful not to over-feed. Excessive fertilization will kill this plant. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or 7-9-5. Do not fertilize during the winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Repotting is only necessary if a larger plant is desired. They can remain tight in pots for years. The climbing vine can be pruned if growth is excessive.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	They are susceptible to mealy bug.
<u>Comments</u>	Fockeas are easy and enduring plants to grow. Go easy on the fertilizer and be sure to dry them down between waterings. As they are climbers, pruning is needed to keep them contained, and they take it with ease. The inconspicuous flowers have a fragrance.