

Cultural Information – Holboellia

(hol-BEL-lee-uh)

Hardy to Zone 7 and higher for outdoors.

Full to partial sun, grows to 10' in container, minimum temperature 40°, blooms in spring, summer and fall.

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain temperatures indoors above 35° but below 60° in the winter. Outdoors it will take temperatures down to 0°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Maintain relative humidity above 50% although it will tolerate wide swings without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	In containers, water when soil is visually dry and avoid a severe wilt. Grow in a clay pot to ensure a healthy root system. It is a tough plant that can handle erratic moisture and still do well. In the ground be attentive to water within the first year and then water only if the landscape demands it.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate to low levels of fertilizer. Use ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a month. Use a low balanced fertilizer like a 7-9-5 or 10-10-10. Feed in spring with a top dress of a granular organic.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune when needed to contain or manage growth in late spring or early summer after flowering.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or diseases
<u>Comments</u>	The China Blue vine is a hardy and robust grower that once established is nearly indestructible. It can be grown in pot in cool or unheated greenhouse or sun rooms or planted in the ground in areas that don't go below 0°. It does produce an edible fruit but it is a shy producer in most culture and is best grown for its vining canopy and fragrant flowers.

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