

## Cultural Information – Olea (OH-lee-ah)

Hardy to Zone 8 and higher for outdoors.  
Full sun, grows 2-5' in container, minimum temperature 35°, blooms in spring.

<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35°.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	They will tolerate wide swings in humidity with no harm.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate 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.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	They are moderate feeders, especially when grown under high light. Fertilize with ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a week when they are in active growth. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like a 7-9-5. Stop feeding during the winter or when active growth has stopped.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Prune or pinch young plants to create a multiple branched specimen if a bush form is desired. They can also be trained into a tree form or standard. Prune any time height or form is unacceptable. They break easily from even hard cuts. <b>Note on young plants:</b> frequent pruning will slow down flowering.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	Olea have few problems with insects or disease.
<b><u>Comments</u></b>	An easy plant to grow that is tolerant of erratic watering and low humidity. High light is important if fruiting is desired. They also make excellent bonsai.

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