

Cultural Information – Pachystachys
(pak-uh-STAK-iss)

Hardy to Zone 10 and higher for outdoors.
Full or partial sun, grows 1-3' in container, minimum temperature 60°,
everbloomer.

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain temperatures above 60° for year-round flowering.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings, and then 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. They have a high demand for water so attention must be given or severe wilt will occur.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Fertilize with ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a week. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like a 7-9-5. If leaves become pale or older leaves turn yellow and fall excessively, increase fertilizer to twice a week until they green up.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Pachstachys lutea can be pruned anytime growth is excessive. They take well to a hard pruning, which in time encourages a fuller plant.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	High susceptibility to whitefly; minor susceptibility to spider mites and aphids.
<u>Comments</u>	Pachystachys are everbloomers when given the proper amount of light. Pay careful attention to watering as they wilt easily. Fertilize regularly.

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