

Cultural Information- Piqueria
(pih-CAIR-ee-uh)

Hardy to Zone 9 and higher for outdoors.
Full sun, grows to 1-1.5" in container, minimum temperature indoors 35°, winter bloomer.

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35° F.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels of humidity for a short time.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to almost dryness but avoid severe wilt.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeders and need regular application once a week during active growth; ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Discontinue feed in the winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Can be pruned after flowering is complete. To maintain height, prune during the summer and no later than August. They are very rapid growers.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Susceptible to aphids, spider mite and white fly. Little or no root disease and no foliar disease problems.
<u>Comments:</u>	Piqueria is a winter bloomer and flowers on the shortening day length. From late September through October and November it needs to be subjected to normal, natural day length without the interruption of interior lights much like a poinsettia.