

Cultural Information – Biophytum
(bye-oh-FYE-tum)

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	As a potted plant, maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	They prefer 50% or higher making them excellent for terrariums; however, they will tolerate lower levels humidity with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	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.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They are light to moderate feeders: 1/4 tsp. of a balanced fertilizer per gallon of water once a week when they are actively growing is adequate. Stop feeding during the winter or when growth has stopped.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little if any pruning is needed as they maintain a small size for a long time.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Biophytum are susceptible to spider mite. A close watch needs to be kept when grown under warm dry conditions.
<u>Comments:</u>	This is a miniature plant that is great for terrariums, light gardens or windowsills with limited space. If they don't bloom freely, increase the light level. They are a member of the Oxalis family and seed freely in a greenhouse or terrarium.