

**Cultural Information – Coffea**  
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| <b><u>Light:</u></b>               | Full to partial sun - a south, east, or west window.  |
| <b><u>Temperature:</u></b>         | Maintain temperatures above 60 degrees.   |
| <b><u>Humidity:</u></b>            | Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels without harm.  |
| <b><u>Watering:</u></b>            | Bring soil to visual dryness between watering. Thoroughly saturate the potting mix when watering. Growing in a clay pot helps maintain a healthy root system.   |
| <b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>          | Fertilize every two weeks with ½ tsp. of fertilizer per gallon of a soluble fertilizer. Reduce fertilizer when grown under low light. Stop fertilizing during the winter. Repot once plant has completely filled the pot. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like Dyna-Gro Liquid Grow Plant Food 7-9-5.  |
| <b><u>Pruning:</u></b>             | As Coffea has an upright, well-branching habit, generally no pruning is necessary until height is unmanageable. In time, you can prune back either the lateral branches or cut back the upright growth. This can be done with little effect on the plant's vigor. Plant can be pruned to 12" above the soil surface where they resprout and within a year's time are back into flowering and fruit. |
| <b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b> | They are susceptible to mealy bugs and scale if they come in contact with other infected plants. On occasion, they suffer with foliage diseases, which are best treated with a systemic copper, such as Phyton 27.  |
| <b><u>Comments</u></b>             | Coffeas make excellent indoor plants being tolerant of lower light and low humidity. They are usually grown from seed and will take 2-3 years to come into flower and fruit. Their growth is upright much like a Christmas tree; they need little in the way of pruning until they are quite old.   |