

Cultural Information – Michelia
(my-KEE-lee-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 35°; however, they will tolerate cooler temperatures during the winter.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings, when watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They need moderate levels of fertilizer. Give them more under high light. Generally 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. Discontinue feeding during the winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune to maintain shape; excessive pruning reduces flowering.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	They are susceptible to mealy bugs. Spray with Pure Neem Oil at the first sign of infestation.
<u>Comments</u>	Michelia has some difficulty with root diseases, especially when there is excessive moisture. Be sure to water as indicated above. Repot only when plant has completely filled the pot.