

Cultural Information – Rhipidophora
(ra-fid-OH-for-a)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun, shade. An eastern, western, or northern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60 degrees.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Likes to have relative humidity above 50% although will tolerate lower levels for short period without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to visual dryness between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the mix until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help ensure a healthy root system.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Benefits from an occasional application of fertilizer. However, as it is a low light plant, don't overdo it. Feed during the active growth of summer and discontinue in winter. Use a low balanced fertilizer no higher than 15-15-15.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Pruning is only needed to maintain size i.e. plant is climbing off its mounting board.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or disease.
<u>Comments</u>	A beautiful climber that has two stages of growth, the juvenile is a small wiry vine that rambles and the mature or adult vine happens when the juvenile hits a vertical surface and starts to climb. Needs to be mounted onto a vertical board or surface to allow the beautiful shingle leaves to appear.