

Cultural Information – Bauhinia
(baw-HIN-ee-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Bauhinia can tolerate wide swings in relative humidity. As a general rule maintain relative humidity above 50%.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring potting mix to visual dryness between watering and then thoroughly saturate the soil until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate levels of fertilizer. Feed every two weeks or once a month with a balance fertilizer no higher than 15-15-15 during the growing season. Discontinue in winter when growth is slow.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Both tree form and vining can be pruned any time the growth is excessive. Pruning will slow down flowering.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects except mealybug if near infected plants. Diseases are generally not a problem.
<u>Comments</u>	Bauhinia are easy plants to grow in pots. They need full sun and a slight dry period between waterings. Iron chlorosis can present itself in the winter under cool conditions. This usually self corrects as the days lengthen.