

Cultural Information – Clusia
(KLOO-zee-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun, an eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Better to keep temperatures above 50° although they can handle temperatures down into the 30's for short periods.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Tolerant to wide swings in relative humidity. They don't mind dry air.
<u>Watering:</u>	They do prefer a drier soil environment so bring the soil to visual dryness between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the mix until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate levels of fertilizer. Feed with a balanced fertilizer no higher than 15-15-15 every two weeks or top dress with a granular fertilizer once a month during the growing season.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Plants can be pruned anytime growth is excessive.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with either diseases or insects.
<u>Comments</u>	Clusia are enduring shrubs that can tolerate dry conditions with ease as well as high salt levels. They are somewhat slow growing and their size can be maintained with selective pruning. We like to grow in clay pots, as they do prefer a drier soil environment.