

Cultural Information – Elettaria
 (el-eh-TAR-ee-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial or filtered sun. It is an understory plant the does best under moderate light. An east or west exposure is good.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	As a rule, keep relative humidity above 50%.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring the surface of the potting mix to a state of visual dryness and then thoroughly saturate the entire soil mass until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot. They like moisture so don't grow dry.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Light to moderate feed. Use a balanced soluble fertilizer no higher than 15-15-15 from spring to fall at a diluted rate every two weeks. Or top dress with an organic once a month.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Old, withered, and damaged stems can be cut off as need. An annual pruning of the unsightly leaves refreshes the form and appearance.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or diseases
<u>Comments</u>	Cardamom is an easy plant to grow. A member of the ginger family it does well in moderate light and attentive watering. Flowering occurs in the summer from flowering stems that emerge from the base of the front growing rhizomes. It is a tall grower that can get up to 5-6' in height.