

**Cultural Information – Hydnophytum**  
*(hide-no-FYE-tum)*

<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Partial sun; an eastern or western exposure.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°F although they can take dips into the high 30's for short periods.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	Maintain humidity above 50% although they can tolerate lower levels without harm.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	Water when media is dry or almost dry. Keep drier in winter and increase watering in summer.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	Moderate feeders. Fertilize with a dilute balanced fertilizer from spring through fall. Be sure to periodically flush with clear water to remove any excess salts from the growing media.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Little pruning needed except to maintain form and branch length. Prune only when humidity is low and the media is dry, as rots can infect wounds in this plant.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	Susceptible to mealy bug and to slug damage on the new leaves. Under high humidity and wet soil conditions, bacterial rots can be a problem when plant tissue is wounded.
<b><u>Comments</u></b>	Hydnophytum are easy-to-grow epiphytes that tolerate neglect and In time create beautiful specimens with their large caudexes and orange berries. They prefer bright light and do well in hanging baskets. We grow ours in sphagnum moss and keep them tight in their pots.