

**Cultural Information – Manilkara**  
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<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Full sun; a southern exposure. The higher the light the better.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 55°. They can be grown under lower temperatures as long as it is kept above freezing; however, it will slow down flowering and fruiting.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	Best to maintain humidity above 50% although it will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	Allow the soil surface to become visually dry between waterings and then thoroughly saturate the soil until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help ensure a healthy root system.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	Light to moderate feeders that benefit from regular intervals of a balanced fertilizer through their active growing season. We recommend using a balanced fertilizer no higher than a 15-15-15. For northern growers, discontinue during the winter, especially if temperatures are cool.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Prune after fruit has been harvested. As they have an irregular form, some pruning of extending branches helps maintain symmetry.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	Susceptible to mealy bugs. Few problems with root or foliar diseases.
<b><u>Comments</u></b>	Sapodilla 'Silas Woods' is a highly productive tropical fruiting plant for pots. They generally flower in the north from spring into summer with fruit ripening 6-8 months later. Plants that re grown inside can benefit from hand pollination of the open flowers. Using a small twig or paintbrush that is gently wiggled around inside the open flower when the sun is shining can do this. Pruning after the fruit has ripened or in late winter will do the least in disrupting the fruiting cycle.