

Cultural Information- Medinilla
 (med-in-NIL-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun, an eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°F.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels of humidity for a short time.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to dryness between waterings. When watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system. As they are semi-epiphytic they need an open and porous potting mix and some dryness between waterings.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They are moderate feeders that benefit from regular applications of fertilizer once a week during active growth: ¼ tsp/gallon of water of a balanced fertilizer. Discontinue feed in the winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	They take well to pruning, which does help maintain size and fullness. The best time to prune is right after flowering is complete.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Susceptible to mealy bugs and root rot if kept too moist and cool.
<u>Comments:</u>	Medinilla myriantha is one of the easiest medinillas to grow as it tolerates dry conditions in both atmosphere and soil moisture. A strong grower when given adequate light and proper watering. They will flower throughout most of the year under good growing conditions. When they get too large prune them back.