

Cultural Information- Monstera
(mon-STER-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun to shade, an eastern, western, or northern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 40°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Generally keep the relative humidity above 50% although they can tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Allow the surface of the soil to become visually dry and the thoroughly saturate the potting mix until a little water runs out the bottom of the pot.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate to low level feeders. Under higher light they can be fed biweekly with a diluted soluble balanced fertilizer from spring to fall. Under lower light, once a month or less.
<u>Pruning:</u>	They are climbers and can get to be very large plants. Hard pruning can be done to reposition the growing leads. Best to do this as they start active growth in the spring.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects. Constant wet soils and cool temperatures can bring on root disease.
<u>Comments:</u>	These tropical climbers are easy to grow and can thrive under normal house conditions. They grow as both an under story plant tolerating low light and upper canopy plant taking on bright sunshine with ease. Their use as a low light plant for indoors is well known. Also in older plants there can be edible fruit production.