

Cultural Information – Ocimum
(OSS-ih-mum)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain temperatures above 65° for optimum growth.
<u>Humidity:</u>	They are fast growing herbs that do best under high to moderate humidity although lower levels will not harm them.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Fertilize once every two weeks with ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like a 7-9-5.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune when growth is excessive or upright stems become too long.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	They do have a susceptibility to white fly and under damp conditions, fungus can be a problem.
<u>Comments</u>	Warmth and sun help this “Holy Basil” to grow well.