

Cultural Information – Pimenta
(pih-MEN-tuh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, a southern exposure is best.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 60°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Prefers relative humidity above 50% although it will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Allow the potting media to become visually dry 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.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate levels of fertilizer during active growth. Can be top dressed with a granular organic fertilizer several times a year. Use a low balanced fertilizer no higher than a 15-15-15.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Plants have a tight and full growing habit. Pruning can be done to maintain size and form. If flowers are desired it is best to limit pruning until the plants are at a blooming age and then prune selectively to manage form.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or diseases.
<u>Comments</u>	Allspice is an easy plant to cultivate, preferring warm temperatures and attention to water so as to avoid a severe wilt. Plants need several years of growth in order to initiate flowering so prune only as necessary to manage size until flowering starts.