

Cultural Information – Posoqueria

(poh-soh-KWER-ee-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern, or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 50 degrees. Can take periods of lower temperatures down to freezing without harm. Above 65° does prolong the blooming cycle.
<u>Humidity:</u>	As a rule maintain relative humidity above 50% although they will tolerate lower levels without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to visual dryness and then thoroughly saturate the potting mix. They can handle periods of severe wilt and still seem to recover and do well.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate feeder. Application of a diluted balanced fertilizer biweekly or topdressing monthly with an organic fertilizer will spur growth. Discontinue in late fall and winter when temperatures are cool and light levels are low.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Plants tend to have a lateral or sprawling habit with open branching especially when grown from cuttings. Pruning is beneficial to maintain form and thicken the growth which in turn increases flowering. As a general rule the pruning is done after a cycle of bloom.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or diseases. Strong roots and tough leathery leaves.
<u>Comments</u>	The needle tree is an excellent plant for container tolerating neglectful watering and flower freely even as a young plant. Plants can be kept under 2' in height and remain in 8-10 pots for many years yet still be productive. The blooming cycle is on and off most of the year so it's a great plant to bring fragrance to the container garden.