

Cultural Information – Tabernaemontana
(tab-er-nay-MON-tah-nuh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 55°.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to visual dryness between waterings, avoiding a severe wilt. 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.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	A moderate feeder, it needs fertilizer once a week during active growth: ¼ tsp/gallon of water of a balanced fertilizer. Discontinue feed in the winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Prune any time that growth is excessive. It tends to have an upright and spreading form so periodic pruning helps create a fuller plant.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Has some susceptibility to aphids and mealy bugs but is generally insect and disease free.
<u>Comments</u>	T. holstii as a grafted plant is easy to grow when given some direct sunlight and warmth. It does have occasional problems with iron chlorosis. This can be remedied by using an acidic potting mix and by fertilizing with a fertilizer that contains iron chelate or by applying additional chelated iron to the soil and foliage when symptoms appear.