

Cultural Information – Tillandsia
(til-LAND-see-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun to shade, an eastern, western or northern exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 40° F.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels of humidity for a short time.
<u>Watering:</u>	Roots need to be freely open to the air and the leaves need to be misted or watered. Never have the roots sitting in water. Misting alone is adequate.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Light feeders during active growth, which means feed only once every month or every other month. Discontinue feed in the winter.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little or no pruning is needed. Old flower spikes can be cut off when they turn brown.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	No problem unless potted in soil, then the roots will smother and die. Leave the roots open to the air.
<u>Comments</u>	These are epiphytic air plants; the roots need to be left open to the air. The best way to care for this plant is to mist the leaves.