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## <u>Cultural Information- Aeschynanthus</u> (es-kee-NAN-thus)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial light to shade; bright direct light of morning or afternoon sun is best, but they need to be shaded from the midday sun.
Temperature:	Minimum indoor temperature of 60 degrees, but 65 degrees is better as they are warm growers.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
Watering:	Water when the soil is visually dry; don't over water. They can tolerate periods of dryness with no harm
Fertilizer:	Moderate amounts of fertilizer applied monthly or bi-monthly. Fertilize with ½ tsp. of fertilizer per gallon of water of a balance fertilizer i.e. 5-10-3, 7-9-5 or 10-10-10.
Pruning:	After the flowering cycle is complete. Repot when plants look too big for the container. They can remain in a limited space for a long time without harm. Generally, we never go any larger than an 8" pot.
Insects and Disease:	Resistant to most insects; occasional mealy bug problems. Root disease if kept too wet.
Comments:	Aeschynanthus flowers on the tips of the mature growth. They are excellent as indoor plants as they tolerate a dry atmosphere and neglectful watering.