

<u>Cultural Information – Mitriostigma</u> (my-tree-oh-STIG-mah)

Light:	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
Temperature:	Maintain temperatures above 60°; however, they will tolerate lower temperatures for a short duration as long as they are above freezing.
Humidity:	Preferably 50% or higher. Under low humidity, leaf crinkling or deformation can occur, however it does the plant no harm, just creates and irregular appearance.
Watering:	Bring the soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings. This is very important for good root system health. It is better to grow on the dry side than to keep too wet. When watering, thoroughly saturate the soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help ensure a healthy root system.
Fertilizer:	They are light feeders; fertilizer using ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a month. When active growth stops in winter, discontinue feeding. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like a 7-9-5.
Pruning:	Mitriostigma respond well to pruning. This can be done at any time of the year whenever height is excessive or the plant becomes unshapely.
Insects and Disease:	They are little affected by insect with the exception of scale, slugs and snails. Diseases are not an issue.
Comments	This is a highly fragrant plant that blooms year-round.