

**Cultural Information – Sageretia**  
*(sa-jer-ET-ee-a)*

<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Full to partial sun; a southern, eastern or western exposure. They need some direct sunlight to grow well.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Best to maintain temperatures above 60° although they will take drops in temperature for short periods down into the 40's.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	Maintain humidity above 50% or higher. Will tolerate lower levels for short periods of time without harm.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	As it is a bonsai subject, keep soil evenly moist. Just be sure there is good drainage.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	Moderate feeders during the summer. Feed every two weeks with a dilute solution of ¼ tsp per gallon of water. Use a low balanced fertilizer no higher than a 15-15-15. Discontinue in winter.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Plants can be pruned at any time to maintain form.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	They are susceptible to aphids and whitefly. Few problems with foliar or root diseases.
<b><u>Comments</u></b>	The Chinese Plum makes an excellent bonsai with its twisting trunk and small leaves. It is important to be watchful of its watering needs as severe dryness can harm or kill it. It also needs good light, that is some direct sun, and prefers warm temperatures. When grown outside in the north, bring it in before the nights start getting cool.