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<u>Cultural Information – Sanchezia</u> (san-CHEH-zee-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun, partial sun to shade. Under lower light they may not flower well although some varieties are grown for their foliage do well until low light.
Temperature:	Maintain temperatures above 50° although they will tolerate lower levels, down to freezing, for short durations without harm. For flowering plants, keep temperatures above 60° to encourage winter bloom.
Humidity:	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate lower levels with no harm.
Watering:	Bring soil to visual dryness between watering and then thoroughly saturate the potting mix until some water trickles from the bottom of the pot.
Fertilizer:	Moderate feeders under high light; reduce the feed if grown in indirect light. Feed ¼ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a week as a general recommendation. Under the fast growth of summer, use ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water once a week. When active growth stops in winter, discontinue feeding. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or Dyna-Gro Grow 7-9-5.
Pruning:	Plants can be cut back at any time growth is excessive. They are fast-growing plants and need periodic pruning.
Insects and Disease:	Susceptible to aphids and mealybugs. They have few problems with foliar or root diseases.
Comments	Sanchezia are easy plants to culture doing well under varying light levels. They are fast-growing plants that transpire freely and therefore need careful attention given to watering; try to avoid a severe wilt. To manage them in pots, prune from time to time; they will tolerate a hard pruning with ease. This can be done at any time although it is best to do it when temperatures are warm and they are growing fast.