

Cultural Information – Tetranema (tet-rah-NEE-muh)

Light:	Full or partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
Temperature:	Maintain indoor temperatures above 50°. During the winter, however, temperatures above 60° are preferred to maintain active growth.
Humidity:	Preferably 50% of higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
Watering:	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between watering. When watering, thoroughly saturate soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Growing in a clay pot will help maintain a healthy root system.
Fertilizer:	Go easy on the fertilizer; ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like a 7-9-5. Under lower light or cooler temperatures, reduce the frequency of fertilizer applications.
Pruning:	No pruning is necessary as they are short, stubby growers.
Insects and Disease:	For the most part, they are not susceptible to insects. However, they will attract scale and mealy bugs if infected plants are nearby.
<u>Comments</u>	Tetranemas are great plants for situation that has limited space. They do best under partial sun conditions with temperatures above 60°. They are small enough growers to be used in terrariums. As long as the light level is high enough, they never stop flowering. Extremely dry atmospheres and high levels of fertilizer are hard on them.