

Streptocarpus Information Leaflet No. 76



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Flowers with ease!

They are so easy to keep! Here are some tips:

1. Streptocarpus come from wooded valleys in the mountainous areas of South Africa. Therefore they do not need full sunshine but they do need a bright position. Too much sun burns the leaves and fades the flowers. In the conservatory use green shade-netting or other plants as a sun screen. In the house be sure not to put it in a dark or dull corner as the leaves will grow at the expense of the flowers and the plant will not thrive.

2. You can water from above or below but guard against over-watering as plants cannot recover from this. Water regularly in summer when the surface of the compost is dry to the touch but before the leaves are wilting and softened.

3. To keep the plants looking their best and to promote further flowering always cut off dead flower heads and stalks, daily if possible.

4. It is natural as plants age for the old leaves to die back, or become discoloured. Any leaves which do not enhance the look of the plant should be trimmed or snapped off at the base as the plant generates foliage freely.

5. During the growing season (April to November) always feed the plant when watering using phostrogen, tomato feed or monthly food tablets.

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