



**Clifton**  
NURSERIES

## STREPTOCARPUS CARE



### LIGHT

Streptocarpus come from wooded valleys in mountainous areas of South Africa, therefore, they do not need full sunshine, but a bright position. Too much sun burns the leaves and fades the flower. In a conservatory or house, they need to be in a shaded position, but not in a dull or dark corner which will cause more leaf growth than flower growth.

### WATER

Watering can be from above or below, but guard against over-watering as plants cannot recover from this. Water regularly when the plant requires it, that is when the surface of the compost is dry to the touch, but before the leaves are wilting and softened. In winter keep the plant in good light and water sparingly.

### TEMPERATURE

A daytime temperature of around 25°C (77°F) is ideal. Avoid temperatures above 29°C (85°F). Cooler temperatures of 16-18°C at night.

### FEED

During the growing season, feed with a high potash fertiliser, such as 'Tomorite'.

### GENERAL CARE

To keep the plants looking their best, and to promote further flowering, **ALWAYS** cut off dead flower heads and stalks, daily if possible. 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 this plant generates foliage very freely.

