

Gold Fish Plant

General Information:

These creeping vines are often used in hanging baskets. They have thin, hairy reddish branches that bear leaves rimmed with short petioles. Flowers occur at different points on the leaf axils. They are orange-red and have the shape of a tropical fish. Most bloom in the summer and must receive a dormancy period after flowering. When resting, they are very sensitive to over-watering and excessive soluble salts.

Light:

Provide at least 6 hours of curtain-filtered sunlight from a bright south window, or 2-4 hours of direct sun at an east or west window. Direct sun will produce the most blooms.

Water:

Let the plant dry slightly during growth and flowering. Allow drying between waterings at other times.

Temperature:

The Gold Fish Plant does best in temperatures of 65 to 70 degrees at night, 75 to 80 degrees during the day.

Fertilizer:

Fertilize only when it is actively growing or flowering. Feed monthly with a 15-30-15 fertilizer – giving a 3-month rest with no fertilizer.

Grooming:

Prune after flowering.