

COLUMNEA

Common names: Goldfish or Flying Fish plant

These plants are native to South America and are found growing in the forest canopy high in treetops. Their flowers are quite colorful. Some also have colorful foliage.

Temperature – Average to warm temperatures from 50 to 90 degrees.

Light – Bright, but not full sun in summer.

Humidity – Prefers 50 percent or higher.

Watering – Keep soil uniformly moist but not wet.

Fertilizer – Weekly, with ¼-strength liquid fertilizer.

Soil – Equal parts peat moss, perlite and vermiculite.

Propagation – Seeds or stem cuttings.

NEMATANTHUS

A waxy-leafed plant with vibrant pouch-shaped red, yellow or orange blossoms that are sometimes striped. Most varieties grow well as basked plants, but some grow upright.

Temperature – Average to warm temperatures from 55 to 85 degrees.

Light – Plenty of light, but not full sun in summer.

Humidity – Prefers 50 percent or higher.

Watering – Keep soil uniformly moist but not wet.

Fertilizer – Weekly, with ¼-strength liquid fertilizer.

Soil – Light, well-drained soil.

Propagation – Seeds or tip cuttings.