

**Culture Advice****Calocephalus brownii**

Cushion bush

<b>Description:</b>	Calocephalus is a structured plant without flowers that would be worth mentioning. It is ideal for mixed plantings, very robust, and compatible and combinable with many cultures. Can be cultivated all year round.
<b>Potting:</b>	9 to 12 cm pots, calendar weeks 8 to 12 for sale in weeks 18 to 22.
<b>Substrate:</b>	Loose and porous. pH approx. 5.5
<b>Fertilization:</b>	Low; apply a balanced multi-nutrient fertilizer (0.075 to 0.12 %) once a week.
<b>Temperature:</b>	Cultivation at approx. 16 °C is preferred (10 to 14 °C is possible but this would extend the cultivation time).
<b>Light:</b>	Cultivate in full light, no shadow.
<b>Flowering:</b>	Produces flowers rarely only under (our) local conditions; is meant to be a purely decorative leaf plant.
<b>Growth regulators:</b>	Not necessary.
<b>Pinching:</b>	Pinching is not absolutely necessary, but if branching is unsatisfactory a lopping or shaping here and there is recommended in order to get a better plant build-up.
<b>Diseases and pest:</b>	Botrytis, pythium (avoid excessive soil wetness), plant lice.

Water balance is of importance; the plants must not stand too wet, danger of botrytis, damage to roots and irregular plant build-up are the consequences.