

Nottingham Bonsai

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Care Sheet Satsuki Azalea - Rhododendron indicum

Origin: Japan

General info

Evergreen shrub flowers late spring. Keep outside all year round

Over Wintering

Keep outdoors during winter months so that they can experience a dormancy or rest period. During this period, your bonsai should be protected from drying winds and extreme cold conditions.

This can be achieved by utilizing cold frames, window wells, enclosed unheated rooms, shed or garage with windows, or mulched beds. The bonsai should be checked regularly for water when temps are above freezing.

Lighting

Filtered or part sun

Watering

Water when soil is just starting to dry out on top. When you water make sure you completely wet all the soil in the pot every time you water. Don't pour in a little water every day

Feeding

Spring thru early fall acid fertilizer. You can use house plant or nursery fertilizers. Follow the label for rates and application times.

Training

Prune branches and shoots late summer and wire spring thru summer

Repotting

In spring before new growth starts remove 10-20% of roots