



Albany Pitcher (Cephalotus)

Cephalotus or the West Australian pitcher plant is a lovely little plant though it can be a little tricky to grow.

Position

They can tolerate sun or shade, however we would recommend a bright position but out of full sun. The traps tend to be greener and larger if grown in a shadier position and more red and smaller if grown in the sun.



Cephalotus can suffer if allowed to overheat, so beware of hot temperatures in a glasshouse, particularly in the spring when the sun comes out before vents and doors are open. A cool greenhouse is ideal, or an east or west windowsill.

Watering

Use a water tray or saucer, but don't let them get too water logged - 1cm depth is fine. Use rainwater or soft water. The Care Guides section on our website has a page detailing suitable water.

Winter Care

Cephalotus appreciate cooler temperatures, but are best kept above 5°C. Keep just damp over winter.

Compost

Use 3:1 peat:sand but also grows well in pure Supersphag.

Pest and disease

They can be prone to powdery mildew but you can use a proprietary fungicide as directed (we have used Roseclear).

Watch out for botrytis especially in tightly packed plants.

Scale insect, aphids and mealy bug can sometimes attack them. Treat by dabbing the pests with a little methylated spirits on a paintbrush, or spray with Provado ('The Ultimate Bug Killer').

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