

Dave's Tips

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SUCCESSFUL GROWING ADVICE BY DAVID KIRWAN, PHOENIX FOLIAGE, INC.

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Trachelospermum asiaticum 'Summer Sunset'

URE (Leaf & Eye URC)

- We use rooting hormones.
- We mist for 3 to 4 days only.
- URE's root in about 14 days.

• **New Growth** - Always comes out reddish, eventually turning more yellow and then on to more white variegation.

- **Temperature Range** - I see the same rates of growth in HOT weather versus nominal weather. I have no experience with growing at temperatures less than 50 °F.

• **Conditions** - Will tolerate dry conditions but this will limit growth. Does NOT like to be constantly wet.

• **Light Intensity** - We grow in 3,000 ft. candles.

• **Fertilizer** - These plants are heavy feeders, soil incorporated with supplemental liquid FERTILIZER is good for rapid growth. Low fertilizer levels result in smaller leaves and slower growth.

• **Pests** - Must have a preventative spray program for Spider Mites.

• From my observations, this plant would do better in 'filtered light shade' - such as under a tree.

• The best option for planting beds would be using a CP32 OR a quart size pot.

• It is best to avoid wet, poorly drained areas, for plantings.



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