

Bonsaitopia

Care guide – Carmona

The carmona bonsai originates from China. It is an indoor bonsai, and therefore it cannot withstand low temperatures, as a general rule it cannot withstand temperatures below 10°C. The carmona bonsai is particularly appreciated for its beautiful shiny leaves as well as its small white flowers that then bear fruit, like small orange berries. It is not an easy to grow and maintain bonsai, it is very sensitive to temperature differences, excess humidity and air currents, so it is not advisable as a first bonsai.

Location

It should be kept indoors. The Carmona bonsai must be turned periodically to ensure regular growth of the branches. Keep it away from strong heat points, avoid excess temperatures and drafts. The ideal temperature for the Carmona bonsai is between 14°C and 25°C.

Soil

The ideal is to mix Akadama with 30% kiryuzuna.

Watering

It varies according to the time of year. Let the soil on the surface of the bowl dry before the next watering. Water with a fine watering can. Or for the less experienced, immerse the bowl completely in the water for a few minutes. Vaporize the foliage in the summer, on the hottest days it is advisable to vaporize it several times a day. Bonsai watering and steaming should be done with clean water.

Pruning

Prune when the new branches have 5 to 6 new leaves leaving only 2 leaves.

Wiring

As with all species of bonsai, it is important to permanently monitor the wire so as not to let it injure the bark.

Repotting

Every 2-3 years in the spring.