The care of bonsai is not very different from maintaining any garden. However, because of the nature of bonsai - minature versions of larger trees and shrubs - pruning is very important. The time of the year when you prune a plant is very important. Some bonsai are trimmed and pruned in early spring whiles others prefer a summer or fall prune. Feeding and watering is also very important. Each bonsai plant has its own preferences.