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Estabrook's

BIRD'S NEST ANTHURIUM CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Give bird's nest foliage anthuriums bright, indirect light. This guide covers hookeri-type plants, 'Jungle Fan', variegated forms, 'Big Red Bird' and 'Ruffles'. Filter harsh sun, especially for pale variegated leaves. Allow enough space for the broad rosette to expand.

WATERING

Water when the upper 1 inch of potting mix feels dry, then allow excess water to drain completely. Keep the root ball lightly moist, never waterlogged. Direct water onto the mix rather than leaving it trapped in the center of the rosette. Empty outer containers.

SOIL

Choose an open, freely draining aroid mix with bark and perlite or pumice. Use a pot with drainage holes and keep the growing crown at its original level. Do not bury leaf bases. Repot only when roots crowd the pot or drainage deteriorates.

TEMPERATURE

Provide warm indoor conditions, about 65-85 degrees F, away from cold drafts and direct heating vents. Moderate to high humidity helps prevent dry leaf edges. Pair humidity with gentle airflow, and protect plants from cold during winter transport.

FERTILIZING

Feed lightly during active spring and summer growth with a suitable liquid houseplant fertilizer at its label rate. Reduce feeding in winter. Flush the pot periodically with plain water to limit salt buildup. These anthuriums are grown primarily for foliage rather than showy flowers.

PESTS

Inspect leaf undersides, leaf bases and stems for scale and mealybugs. Separate affected plants and ask us about treatment. Wipe dusty leaves gently and remove dead leaves with clean tools. Keep away from chewing pets and children; sap can irritate skin and eyes.