



FOLIAGE ANTHURIUM CARE GUIDE

LIGHT

Provide bright, indirect light for foliage anthuriums such as clarinervium, crystallinum and plants sold as 'Pteradactyl'. Protect leaves from strong direct sun. Their decorative leaves are the main attraction; the flowers are generally less colorful than those of florist anthuriums.

WATERING

Water thoroughly as the surface of the mix dries slightly. Keep moisture reasonably consistent below the surface, but allow excess water to drain away. Avoid both prolonged drought and a soggy root ball. Empty saucers and decorative pots after watering, and check moisture before repeating.

SOIL

Use a loose, slightly acidic aroid mix with orchid bark and a drainage amendment such as perlite or grit. Roots need air as well as moisture. Choose a pot with drainage holes, and avoid a large volume of unused mix around a small root system.

TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Keep above 65 degrees F with steady warmth and high humidity. A humidifier can help during the heating season. Provide gentle air circulation and avoid leaving foliage wet for long periods. Keep away from cold glass, drafts and hot radiators.

FERTILIZING

Apply a suitable orchid or houseplant fertilizer at the label dilution during active spring and summer growth. Reduce feeding as growth slows in winter. Flush accumulated salts with plain water. Remove dead leaves or flower stems at the base with clean scissors.

PESTS

Check leaf undersides and stems for mealybugs, scale and mites. Isolate affected plants and ask us about treatment. Handle emerging leaves gently. Soggy soil can cause root rot. Keep away from chewing pets and children, and avoid contact with irritating sap.