



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

GOLDFISH PLANT CARE

LIGHT

Goldfish plants (*Nematanthus gregarius* and *N. nervosus*) prefer bright, filtered light. An east-facing window or a position protected from strong midday sun is suitable. Good light supports flowering. Their arching, trailing stems make them well suited to hanging baskets.

WATERING

Allow the surface of the mix to become visibly dry before watering thoroughly. Let excess water drain through the pot and empty the saucer. Avoid prolonged dryness or constantly soggy roots. Use room-temperature, low-mineral water when possible, and avoid wetting foliage in direct sun.

SOIL

Use an open, airy potting mix that retains some moisture while draining freely. These tropical epiphytes need air around their roots. A container with drainage holes is essential. Repot when roots fill the pot, moving up only one size.

TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Keep plants comfortably warm, preferably around 65°F or above, and protect from temperatures below 50°F. Avoid cold drafts and drying heating vents. Humidity near 50% is helpful, although plants tolerate lower levels. A humidifier can help in a very dry room.

FERTILIZING

Goldfish plants are light feeders. Apply a balanced liquid houseplant fertilizer lightly during active growth, following label directions for dilution. Reduce or pause feeding when growth slows. Remove spent flowers and trim long stems as needed to maintain a full, tidy basket.

PESTS

Check new growth and leaf undersides for aphids, mealybugs, mites, thrips and whiteflies. Isolate affected plants and use a treatment labeled for the plant and pest. Persistent wetness can cause root disease; check drainage before adding water to a declining plant.