

PEACOCK PLANT AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT

- Evergreen perennial houseplant
- Native to tropical rainforests of Brazil
- Official name *Calathea makoyana*; Also called cathedral window
- Buy as plants or propagate
- Finicky compared to other houseplants

STATS

- Grow to 2' wide and tall
- Leaves grow to 10-12" long
- Foliage patterns resemble a peacock's feathers
- Foliage has shades of greens, whites, cream, pinks, and maroon
- Tiny white insignificant flowers
- Leaves unroll as they grow

REQUIREMENTS

- Winter Hardy in Zones 10-11
- Prefer shade and indirect light; Avoid direct sunlight
- Well draining soil that can stay moist
- Keep in location between 65-80° F
- Avoid drafts and temp changes
- Needs humidity levels above 60° F; Place on tray of rocks to help levels or use humidity meter

MAINTENANCE

- Do not use tap water; only distilled or gathered rainwater for watering plants
- Use room temp or lukewarm water
- Keep soil moist but drained so roots are not in standing water; Using a moisture meter may help
- Reduce watering in winter
- Fertilize monthly (spring through fall) with 1/2 strength of all purpose liquid fertilizer
- Stop fertilizing in winter
- Deadhead spent blooms and dead leaves at their base
- Repot every few years if plant has overgrown current container
- Ensure proper humidity levels

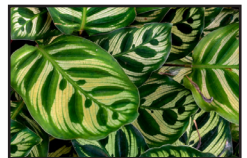


ISSUES

- Aphids, mealybugs, & spider mites
- Root rot
- Getting watering and humidity levels right

MISC

- Can be divided once plants are well established; Not always successful since like being rootbound



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