

PLANT CARE

TILLANDSIA

Exotic, easy-care specimens that flourish without soil, air plants are available in a vast range of shapes, colors, and sizes. Tillandsia are native to the deserts and forests of Central and South America, often found high in the crooks of trees, where their leaves can absorb nutrient-rich rainwater.

LIGHT / TEMPERATURE

Place in bright, filtered sunlight. Tillandsia prefer room temperature (65-80° F) and are sensitive to frost.

WATERING

Submerge roots in water every 5-7 days, or mist frequently. Plants should be watered or misted more often in hot, dry environments.

FEEDING

Spray with fertilizer once every two weeks during spring and summer, and once a month during autumn and winter. Use a fertilizer specifically made for Bromeliads or dilute a houseplant fertilizer to 1/4 strength.

LOCATION

Never place tillandsia in soil. Plants can be mounted, placed among rocks, used to accent potted plantings, or collected in a dish.

OFFSETS

After flowering, tillandsia will grow offsets or “pups” around the mother plant. Leave the offsets attached if possible, allowing the plants to form a colony.