

Botanical name:
Genus: Calathea
Species: makoyana

Common Name(s): Peacock plant,
Cathedral windows

Latin Family Name:
Marantaceae

English Family Name: Arrowroot

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to eastern Brazil

Growth habit: It is a compact species that typically grows to 1-2' tall

Flower description: It is not impossible for Calatheas to flower indoors, however, it is not likely

The majority of Calathea varieties won't flower indoors (Calathea crocata being an exception)

Blooming period/availability: NA

Leaf/Foliage Description: Colorful, evergreen

The leaves are pale green with a dark green feathered effect from the middle of the leaf to the outer edges

When new leaves grow they are rolled up and show off their pinkish-red undersides; giving it another splash of color



It is named for its striking foliage that purportedly resembles the beauty of a Peacock's tail

Usage: An extremely attractive indoor foliage plant with bold markings

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Perfect to brighten areas. Calatheas are known for their visual impact. This is a plant that looks attractive indoors but it is also possible to keep outdoors and can bring many different areas to life such as patio's, porches and decks

Can also be planted in beds and borders

A lot of houseplants can be harmful to pets and young children, but luckily Calatheas are not one of those plants

WEAKNESS:

It does require a certain level of care making it not quite a beginner's plant to grow

It's beautiful, but it can be a fussy plant and difficult to care for at times. Calatheas can be fussy and dramatic if they don't get the proper care

Care & Handling

Longevity:

Water requirements: All Calatheas, are humidity lovers

Water regularly to keep soils moist during the growing season

Light: Not one to be left in direct sunlight, the Peacock Plant should be placed in moderate to low light to avoid the leaves becoming dulled and less vibrant

Calathea plants are tropical plants, so they should get bright indirect sunlight throughout the day

Soil/Nutrition requirements: A well balanced fertilizer, once a month

Special care/remarks: Sometimes Calathea can be sensitive to water. If you notice browning leaf tips, try letting your tap water sit out overnight before watering or use rainwater or distilled water