

Botanical name:
Genus: Calathea
Species: roseopicta

Common Name(s): Dottie

Latin Family Name:
Marantaceae

English Family Name: Maranta

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to rainforest plants of South America

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:

Leaf/Foliage Description: It is a beautiful plant with thin stripes on its large green leaves

Peek under a leaf, and you'll find a beautiful maroon underside

This is a plant that has leaves with a pattern (veins) that could be classed as feathered and in some cases it has a pink hue to it.

Usage : An extremely attractive indoor foliage plant with bold markings

Calatheas are known for their visual impact. Its dark green leaves and pink stripes make a striking contrast, and the way the leaves arch from their stems looks so elegant

Perfect to brighten areas

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

WEAKNESS:

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

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 patios, porches and decking. It can also be planted in beds and borders. Due to its foliage, this is a superb plant to put among other plants that have large foliage.

Care & Handling

Longevity: To ensure that the Calatheas grows exceptionally well it does require a certain level of care making it not quite a beginner plant to grow

Water requirements: All Calatheas, not just the Ornata are humidity lovers

Water plentiful, this plant loves to have moist soil at all times

Let any of the water escape, this plant can't sit in a puddle

Light: 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



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