

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus: Peperomia**  
**Species: caperata**

**Common Name(s):**  
Radiator plant

**Latin Family Name:**  
Piperaceae

**English Family Name:** Pepper

2022 is the year of the Peperomia. The genus, in the peppercorn family Piperaceae, is home to over a thousand species of diverse plants—including popular houseplants such as the Watermelon Peperomia, Ripple Peperomia, Baby Rubber Plant, and more....

**The plant**

**Origin;** country or region: Native to Tropical America

**Growth habit:** A tropical evergreen herbaceous shrub that is erect and bush

**Flower description:** Small white flowers

**Blooming period/availability:**

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** The leaves are heart shaped Green, sometimes with a blush of red, and dark green veins

**Usage:** Peperomia plants are grown for their beautiful foliage, not their blooms

Commonly used as a houseplant in temperate climates

**STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

They are semi-succulent, adaptable, visual-appealing, and pet-friendly—all characteristics that make for suitable houseplants

Peperomia caperata is usually trouble-free, extremely resistant to pests and disease

Interesting as 'ground cover'

Performs well with bright, flourecent lights so is ideal for offices

Many Peperomias can adapt to a range of light conditions, including lower light situations. They do well in artificial lighting, too

Most varieties grow rather slowly, so they don't quickly overtake your space or require frequent repotting

**WEAKNESS:**

Leaf spots may occur

Susceptible to rot if soils are kept too moist.



Peperomias have a fascinating array of stem patterns and leaf shapes, sizes, colors,

**Care & Handling**

**Longevity:**

**Water requirements:** Keep soil barely moist

Allow the top inch of soil to dry between waterings

**Light:** Low to bright light. Protect this plant from direct sunlight

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** Well-drained, porous potting soil

**Special care/remarks:** Consider setting plant on wet pebbles in a humidified room. They are safe to grow in a home with pets—they are non-toxic to cats, dogs and people

**Special note :**

Peperomias are old favorites that have gone in and out of fashion for decades, and they are enjoying a surge of attention

These small plants are perfect for modern living spaces and can thrive on a desktop, shelf, or windowsill

It's a beautiful, diverse family that is wonderful to collect

They are small plants that seldom exceed a foot in height, so you can have many in a limited space

Unlike many plant families, not all Peperomia varieties share the same care requirements.....

In general, peperomias are compact plants with smooth, succulent-like leaves.

Some types are trailing

Others are large and bushy. Some of these peperomia types look so different from one another it can be a challenge to identify them as members of the same family

There are hundreds of colors, variegations, leaf shapes, and flowers

