

Botanical name:
Genus: *Zamioculcas*
Species: *zamiifolia*

Common name (s):
ZZ plant

Latin Family Name: Araceae
English Family Name: Arum

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to native to dry grassland and forest in Eastern Africa

Growth habit: ZZ plant or aroid palm, best grown in medium moisture, well drained soils in part shade to full shade

Flower description (if applicable): Rarely produce flowers

Blooming period/availability (if applicable): NA

Leaf/Foliage Description: Upright rubbery leaves divided into leaflets which have a feathery appearance
Leaves are thin and dark green or purple green (Raven)

Usage:

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Common and easy to maintain home/office plant

Hardy plant, needs very little care

Perfect for all indoor settings
(even with minimum light)

Popular among interior landscaping,
around offices, buildings

WEAKNESS: Bulbs can look a bit unattractive

Plant may need regular potting and
trimming as it grows in all directions

TRIVIA :

Before 1996, the ZZ was probably not known to anyone outside of the continent of Africa, but has now become one of the most popular indoor and office plants around the world



The new *Zamioculcas zambia Raven*TM (purple-green dark coloured leaves) is stunning for a formal plant setting
Time is what makes the black ZZ plant turn dark
Fresh leaves start out bright green and gradually turn black with time.

It may take up to two months for a stem and leaves to turn back completely, although usually it already gets dark after six weeks.



Care & Handling

Longevity: A very hardy plant!

Water requirements: Plants should be regularly watered, but allow the soils to dry between applications

Avoid wet soil

The ZZ plant has a rather unique looking root system, beneath the plants that you see above the soil are thick, potato-like roots known as rhizomes. These store water, which is why the plant can often be subject to over-watering, but does well during droughts and places where frequent watering is not always easy

It is another reason the plant does so well indoors

Light: Plants perform well in a variety of shaded conditions including morning sun with afternoon shade or in bright indirect light

Nutrition requirements: Plants are best grown in medium moisture, well drained soils

Special care/remarks: One of my 'easy peeasy' indoor plants, very easy to care and maintain

