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Anthurium crystallinum

Description

Anthurium crystallinum is an ornamental-foilage type anthurium. It has large dark green rounded leaves, with contrasting silvery white veins. New leaves come out a copper colour, fairly small, and grow quickly (within a couple of weeks) to full size. Full sized leaves can be 30 – 45 cm (1 to 1 ½ feet) long by about 30cm (1 foot) wide.

The name 'crystallinum' comes from the shimmer on the leaves when viewed close up in strong light – they glitter as though made of tiny crystals.

It needs warmth and humidity to look its best. It can probably only be kept outdoors year round in the true tropics, and in the subtropics, would likely need to be brought indoors during winter (it should be kept above 16° C).

Outside of the tropics and subtropics, it would need to be kept as a house plant or in a greenhouse. When kept as a house plant, it needs bright light.

Cultivation

It needs a partial/light shade position, in a warm and humid environment, with a moderate to high amount of water in summer. In non-humid areas or indoors, it will benefit from misting the leaves. Reduce watering in the winter.

Anthuriums should be grown in a very light potting mix, suitable for orchids or similar. They are epiphytes (air growing plants) and should not be grown in normal 'soil' potting mixes.

Do not plant too deeply, keep moist but not soaked.

Appreciates regular foliage boosting fertilizer (high in nitrogen).



At a glance:

Suitable for Zones: 10 - 12 (see my Zone Hardiness map page in my eBay store) or as a house plant

Sun requirements: Light/partial shade

Flowering times: year round, flower is long but not particularly attractive

Moisture requirements: Moderate to high; reduce watering in winter

Size when fully grown: 60 cm high by 60 cm wide (2 x 2 feet)

Not frost tolerant; not cold tolerant

Highly suitable as an indoor and container plant