

## Costus erythrophyl - Plant



Costus erythrophyllus is a tropical rhizomatous perennial native to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and northern Brazil, which was first described in 1929. The most common form in cultivation grows to about 1 meter in height, with waxy leaves that are dark green on top, and deep purple underneath

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Description

### Description for Costus erythrophyl

They range throughout the tropical world and grow with large, fleshy leaves that are arranged in whorls around the stem. The flowers emerge from the center of the plant in a small cone with ruffled, crinkled flowers.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Fiery Costus or Spiral Flag	White and pink.	-	Upto 1 meter.	Easy.

### Planting and care

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Partial sun to partial shade.	A light, fast-draining potting soil is perfect.	Water regularly to keep the soil moist even in winters. Do not, however, let them sit in waterlogged soil or the rhizome could rot.	Plant dies temperature below 20 degrees F.	Feed weekly with a weak liquid fertilizer that includes micronutrients. They are heavy feeders, especially during the growing season.

### Caring for Costus erythrophyl

If your plant starts to suffer from brown leaf margins, it most likely is being underwatered or exposed to cold drafts. Try to raise the humidity and increase the water.

## Typical uses of Costus erythrophyl

### Special features:

**Medicinal use:** Costus is an herb. The root and oil from the root are used to make medicine. Costus root is used for treating worm infections. Costus oil is used for asthma, cough, gas, and severe intestinal diseases such as dysentery and cholera. It is also used as a tonic and to stimulate digestion.

## References