

Croton Variegatum, Codiaeum Variegatum (Maroon) - Plant



Codiaeum variegatum ("garden croton" or "variegated croton"; syn. *Croton variegatum* L.) is a species of plant in the genus *Codiaeum*, which is a member of the family Euphorbiaceae. It is native to Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, and the western Pacific Ocean islands, growing in open forests and scrub. It is an evergreen shrub growing to 3 m (9.8 ft) tall and has large, thick, leathery, shiny evergreen leaves, alternately arranged, 5â€"30 cm (2.0â€"11.8 in) long and 0.5â€"8 cm (0.20â€"3.15 in) broad. The inflorescences are long racemes 8â€"30 cm (3.1â€"11.8 in) long, with male and female flowers on separate inflorescences; the male flowers are white with five small petals and 20â€"30 stamens, the female flowers yellowish, with no petals. The fruit is a capsule 9 mm (0.35 in) diameter, containing three 6 mm (0.24 in) seeds. The stems contain milky sap that bleeds from cut stems.

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Description

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The croton plant is one of the most dramatic. Warm tropical colours and exotic lobed leaves make it a beautiful addition to any brightly lit room. It is hard not to notice this bushy, upright plant because of the vividly coloured foliage. The Croton house plant, has leaves splashed with green, orange and red with the veins often yellow, depending on the variety.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Joseph s Coat, garden croton	-	-	6 to 8 feet	Medium.

Planting and care

Crotons (*Codiaeum variegatum*) are tropical plants that grow outdoors and as house plants elsewhere. Growing to a height of 6 to 8 feet and width of 3 to 6 feet, crotons are attractive as a single plant or a grouping and grow well in pots or in the ground.

Their green leaves turn into shades of yellow, red and purple, showing their brightest colours in the sunlight. You can grow cultivars of crotons

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Bright light, whether it is natural or artificial light.	Peat moss based potting mix.	Water the plants when the top of the soil is dry. On	Should be kept in warm temperatures, with the	Feed every 2 weeks from early spring through summer

especially hot days, you may need to water the crotons twice a day.

minimum being approximately 60°F.

with a balanced liquid fertilizer diluted by half.

Caring for Croton Variegatum

It requires high humidity. Mist daily if possible. Stand the plant on a tray of wet pebbles.

Typical uses of Croton Variegatum

Special features:

Ornamental use: Croton plants stiff, leathery leaves in bold colours of yellow, pink, red, orange and green make it a beautiful and popular house plant.

References

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