

Cryptanthus - Plant



The variability of shapes, colors, and patterns, plus their adaptability to a wide range of growing conditions, make Cryptanthus a favourite of plant lovers around the world.

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Description

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The plants have low-spreading rosettes of six to 20 leaves. Most grow in shady moist areas, some grow in rocky terrain, a few grow in full sun. They are dependent on their root system for water supply, since they do not store in their centres. A very few are succulent and can store water in their leaves.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Earth Stars	Pinkish white flowers.	All year round.	-	Easy.

Planting and care

Cryptanthus will root easily in potting medium. Make a small depression, insert the pup s small stem and press the mixture firmly around it. Pot no deeper than the base of the first leaf. Stake the plant if necessary to keep it from rocking back and forth. It is essential for the plant to be secure for an extra fast start and good growth. Bottom heat may speed root development in colder climates. Place the newly potted plant in a favorable location and water it as one would a mature plant.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
For maximum color in most	The growing medium should	They must be kept damp for	60 to 85 degrees F	Use dilute solutions, even to

Cryptanthus, bright diiffused be a loose, porous mixture. best growth. It should never light is necessary. be allowed to totally dry out.

a quarter of the recommended strength. Any even balanced fertilizer works well (14-14-14, 10-10-10, etc.) A time-released granular fertilizer combined into the potting mix for newly planted offsets show excellent results.

Caring for Cryptanthus

Too much light will cause bleached spots on the foliage or a leathery, stressed look to the plant. In extreme cases, sunburn spots or holes will occur. On the other extreme, weak foliage and greening of color suggests that the plant needs more light.

Typical uses of Cryptanthus

Special features: In order to maximize growth, Cryptanthus should be fertilized. Cryptanthus will thrive on any balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10 or 14-14-14. It is important, however, to significantly dilute the solution down to a quarter of the strength recommended. This highly diluted solution can be used every time you water. The Cryptanthus Society recommends using a time release granular fertilizer when first planting pups.

Ornamental use: Cryptanthus should always be growing as potted plants. They are excellent plants for terrariums. attractive foliage in pots, accent plants

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