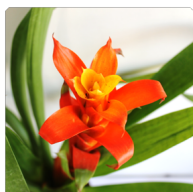


Guzmania (Orange) - Plant



Guzmania is a popular genus of bromeliad widely seen in public indoor spaces because of their most attractive colourful flower bracts.

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Description Striking bracts grow from the centre of the plant and can be red, yellow, orange or deep purple depending on the species. Leaves are thin and dark green. They cause no injury to their host plant but just use them for support. The leaves come together to form a star shape in the middle. What is commonly mistaken as the flower on the plant is actually a grouping of modified leaves, called bracts.

Common name: scarlet star

Color: Pink, red, yellow, orange.

Bloom time: Summer.

Height: 2 feet.

Difficulty level: Easy.

Planting & Care

The guzmania plant can also be grown in a container and is known as a prized house plant in areas outside of its native region.

Use plant containers and potting medium that is porous, allowing adequate air circulation and fast drainage.

You can purchase potting mix specifically designed for bromeliads or you can mix your own using ingredients such as peat moss, vermiculite, and bark.

Root rot can be avoided with proper watering techniques. Be sure to let the potting mix dry before adding more water.

Also note that Guzmania tend to be top heavy. You may need to anchor your container with heavy rock in the bottom to prevent your plant from toppling.

Sunlight: Require low light and should be kept out of direct sunlight.

Soil: Well-drained soil.

Water: Keep the soil moist during the spring and the summer months.

Temperature: Thrive in temperatures of at least 55 F. (13 c.) or higher.

Fertilizer: Add a balanced fertilizer every two weeks during the spring and summer and a slow release fertilizer at the end of the summer.

Care:

- Guzmanias require low light and should be kept out of direct sunlight.
- Because these are tropical plants, they benefit from high humidity.
- A light mist daily will keep your guzmania looking its best.
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Use

Ornamental use:

- Their colorful flower bracts can be found in shopping malls, conservatories and many other plantscapes as well as kitchen tables and office desks.
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Reference:

<http://www.bromeliads.info/guzmania-bromeliad/> <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/houseplants/bromeliad/growing-guzmania-bromeliads.htm>