

Guzmania (Pink) - Plant



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Description

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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.

Nothing beats the ease of bromeliad guzmania houseplant care. Growing guzmania bromeliads is simple and their unique growth habit and flower bracts will add interest to the home year round. Let's learn more about the care of guzmanias.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Scarlet star	Pink, red, yellow, orange.	Summer	2 feet.	Easy.

Planting and 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	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Require low light and should be kept out of direct	Well-drained soil.	Keep the soil moist during the spring and the summer	Thrive in temperatures of at least 55 F. (13 c.) or higher.	Add a balanced fertilizer every two weeks during the

sunlight.

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spring and summer and a slow release fertilizer at the end of the summer.

Caring for Guzmania

- 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.
- The guzmania plant can also be grown in a container and is known as a prized houseplant in areas outside of its native region.
- To pot a guzmania, put some small decorative stones or pieces of pottery in the bottom of a ceramic or terra cotta pot.
- pot should be heavy, as the guzmania tends to be top heavy.
- Guzmania houseplant care is easy, which adds to this plant's popularity.
- Guzmanias require low light and should be kept out of direct sunlight.
- Place distilled or filtered water in the central cup of the plant and replace frequently to keep it from rotting.
- Keeping mix moist during the spring and the summer months.
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Typical uses of Guzmania

Special features:

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.

References

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