

Pilea Mollis, Pilea Moon Valley - Plant



Pilea is a genus consisting of about 600 species of frost tender, tropical foliage plants that includes both upright bushy types and trailing varieties. Several smaller species are commonly cultivated as house plants because they are so easy to grow and care for.

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Description

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Avoid full sun. Use a peaty soil-based potting mix. Plants like high humidity, and appreciate humidified rooms or placement on a bed of wet pebbles. Water moderately in the growing season, and reduce watering in fall to late winter. Pinch stem tips as needed to keep plant compact.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Pilea mollis Moon Valley	-	-	0.50 to 1.00 feet	easy to grow

Planting and care

The vining varieties require a support structure as some can get 15 feet tall. All plants prefer sun to light shade sites with well-draining and moderately fertile soil. Install the plant in the ground at the same level it was growing in the nursery pot. Most plants are grafted onto the common rootstock because of its superior hardiness.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Part shade	Always keep your Pilea and any other house plants away from heating vents and out of drafts. Pilea plants grow best in warm daytime temperatures of 75Å°-80Å° with 10 degrees cooler at night. Pileas need about 50% humidity in order to thrive, so they should be kept on a tray filled with moistened pebbles or	Medium	Always keep your Pilea and any other house plants away from heating vents and out of drafts. Pilea plants grow best in warm daytime temperatures of 75Å°-80Å° with 10 degrees cooler at night. Pileas need about 50% humidity in order to thrive, so they should be kept on a tray filled with moistened pebbles or	Apply any organic fertilizer

misted regularly, or they can be grown in a terrarium. Keep the soil slightly moist while your Pilea is actively growing, but allow the top inch of soil to dry between waterings when growth slows in the winter. Feed monthly in the spring and summer using a half-strength solution of a liquid house plant type

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Caring for Pilea Mollis

Deadhead religiously and keep beds clean. Every leaf has a growth bud, so removing old flower blossoms encourages the plant to make more flowers instead of using the energy to make seeds. Clean away from around the base of the rosebushes any trimmed debris that can harbor disease and insects.

Typical uses of Pilea Mollis

Special features: Small indoor plant. Good for terrariums.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

Medicinal use: na

References

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