



TILLANDSIA CARE

ABOUT TILLANDSIA

- Tillandsias are one of the world's only true AIR PLANTS. They are called air plants because their leaves trap water in the air for nourishment. Since their roots don't feed them, they grow without soil.
- Tillandsias are members of the Bromeliad family and are native to Latin America.
- They are found clinging to rocks, tree branches, cliffs and even telephone lines.
- Tillandsias are hardy and adapt well to most "captive environments." With minimum care, you'll watch your plants grow, bloom and reproduce.

BASIC TILLANDSIA CARE

Indoors: Keep in bright, filtered light. Soak or mist heavily 1-3 times weekly, depending on house humidity. Let plant dry between waterings.

Outdoors: Tillandsias love to grow outdoors in spring and summer. Keep in bright, filtered light and soak or mist heavily 1-3 times a week. Protect from frost and direct afternoon sun.

Fertilizer: Soak or mist monthly during spring and summer with any water soluble fertilizer mixed no stronger than ¼ strength. Fertilizers high in phosphorus help encourage blooming.

Reproduction: Following blooming, the plant will produce several offshoots called pups. They usually form around the base of the mother and can be separated after they have grown to be at least half her size. To separate, simply break off pup from mother at the roots – like pulling a banana off a bunch. The new pups don't have to be separated and, if left intact, will form a beautiful cluster of plants.

Mounting: Attach Tillandsias to any surface by gluing or wiring the base of the plant. If gluing, use a non-toxic, waterproof craft glue. Tillandsias don't have to be mounted to grow.

SPECIAL TIPS

- Tillandsias thrive in good, fresh air circulation
- Soak air plants in water for 8 -12 minutes, then let them drip dry, upside down
- Water them well, but don't keep them damp