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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Calathea Rattle Snake

(Calathea Lancifolia)

Calathea Rattlesnake, scientifically known as *Calathea lancifolia*, is a stunning tropical houseplant appreciated for its unique, elongated, lance-shaped leaves with intricate patterns. Its leaves have dark green stripes resembling a rattlesnake's skin, adding an exotic touch to indoor spaces.



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Origin: South America, primarily found in Brazil

Care Level & Placement: Easy care, Indoor plant

Light



Calathea Rattlesnake thrives in bright, indirect light. Place it near a north or east-facing window where it can receive filtered sunlight. Avoid direct sun exposure, as it can scorch the leaves.

Water



Keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy. Water when the top inch of the soil feels slightly dry. Mist the plant regularly to maintain humidity, as this species prefers higher humidity levels.

Soil



Plant Calathea Rattlesnake in well-draining, peat-based potting mix. It requires good aeration to prevent waterlogging.

Fun fact



Calathea Rattlesnake is a member of the Marantaceae family, known for its remarkable leaf patterns. Its leaves also fold up slightly at night, a behavior called "nyctinasty."



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Pet Friendliness

Calathea Rattlesnake is non-toxic to cats and dogs, making it a safe choice for pet-friendly households.



Stress Signs

Leaf Curling: Calathea Rattlesnake's leaves may curl or fold inwards when it's stressed or in low light conditions. To alleviate this, ensure it receives adequate, indirect light.

Brown Leaf Edges: Brown edges on the leaves may indicate low humidity or inconsistent watering. Maintain higher humidity levels and water the plant regularly to prevent this issue.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves can result from overwatering or water with high mineral content. Adjust your watering routine, and use distilled or filtered water to prevent mineral buildup in the soil.



Botanical Family: Marantaceae

Botanical Name: Calathea Lancifolia

Common Name: Rattlesnake Plant, Rattlesnake Calathea



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