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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Oxalis Triangularis

(Oxalis Triangularis.)

Oxalis Triangularis, commonly known as False Shamrock or Purple Shamrock, is a unique and eye-catching plant known for its triangular-shaped leaves that fold open during the day and close at night. It's a popular choice for indoor gardening due to its attractive foliage and relatively easy care.



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Origin: South America

Care Level & Placement: Moderate Care, Indoor Plant

Light



Provide bright, indirect sunlight for Oxalis Triangularis. Avoid exposing it to direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves. If the plant receives insufficient light, it may not produce as many flowers.

Water



Keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy. Water the plant when the top inch of the soil feels dry to the touch. Water thoroughly, allowing excess water to drain from the pot. Reduce watering during its dormant period in late fall and early winter.

Soil



Use a well-draining potting mix with organic matter. A mix formulated for African violets or succulents can work well. Ensure the pot has drainage holes.

Fun fact



The leaves of Oxalis Triangularis exhibit nyctinasty, a unique behavior where they open during the day to maximize light absorption and close at night, resembling folded hands in prayer.



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Pet Friendliness

Oxalis Triangularis can be mildly toxic to pets if ingested. Keep it out of reach of curious cats and dogs, especially if they tend to nibble on plants.



Stress Signs

Drooping Leaves: If the leaves start to droop or wilt, it's a sign that the plant is underwatered. Ensure consistent moisture in the soil, especially during active growth periods.

Leaf Loss: False Shamrock may lose some leaves if it experiences sudden changes in lighting conditions or drafts. Maintain a stable environment to prevent leaf drop.

Lack of Blooms: A lack of flowering can be due to insufficient light. If your Oxalis isn't producing its characteristic small, delicate flowers, consider providing it with more indirect sunlight to encourage blooming.



Botanical Family: Oxalidaceae

Botanical Name: Oxalis Triangularis.

Common Name: False Shamrock, Purple Shamrock, Love Plant.



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