

Aechmea fasciata

(Living vase plant, Urn plant)

Urn plant is native to Brazil where it lives under the rain forest canopy on the trunks of other trees. It has a huge, lance-shaped leaves with horizontal stripes and spiny edges. They are curved downward creating a funnel shape base in order to keep the rainwater. Each plant produces one very long-lasting flower spike borne from a thick, central stem. While flowering the plants starts producing offsets or small young plants. After the plant flowers it dies but the offsets will start growing creating large colonies. Urn plant is often cultivated as a houseplant and requires bright filtered light. Avoid growing it in direct sun. It needs a very well-drained soil otherwise it will rot easily. It should be watered in the central vase of the rosette regularly.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: EEK-mee-uh fash-ee-AY-tuh

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Brazil

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Mass Planting, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Vase

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years

Companion Plants: Bromeliaceae family members

Notes

This bromeliad makes an interesting low-maintenance houseplant or specimen for conservatories or atriums.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Spiny

Leaf Textures: Leathery, Rough, Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Purple, Pink

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Black

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Offset

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