

Calathea orbifolia is a gem amongst foliage plants. It has broad bright green leaves, delicately striped with silvery-blue patterning that looks almost metallic. Elegant and understated, this Calathea is prized for its rounded leaves which grow quite wide as the plant matures.

They are often called 'prayer plants' because of their unique leaf movements: they raise and lower their leaves from day to night as part of their circadian rhythm. This phenomenon is called nyctinasty. Scientists theorize that these movements are meant to follow the sun and catch as much light as possible— an essential trait for a forest-floor-dwelling plant.



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CALATHEA 'ORBIFOLIA'



Light

Medium to bright indirect light is best, such as an east or west window.

Bright indirect

Watering

Keep the potting soil evenly moist, not wet, but never dry. Never allow the plant to stand in water. Do NOT use tap water, this will cause the edges of the leaves to become brown. We recommend filtered, distilled, or rainwater.

Feeding

Feed every 2 weeks during the growing season with a balanced houseplant fertilizer, such as Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food.

Planting & Care

Plant in a 2:1 mix of all purpose potting soil and perlite. We recommend Black Gold® All Purpose Soil. Set in bright light, out of direct sun and drafts. They thrive best when provided with greenhouse-like conditions: warm, moist, gentle airflow. Keep warm all year round. Repot in the spring when the plant has outgrown its container.

Flower

These plants are grown for their beautiful foliage and most likely won't flower in the house.

Size

2 feet tall and wide. Leaves can stretch to 8".

Temperature

60-75°F

Humidity

High

Care

Difficult

