

Calathea ornate, or pinstripe calathea, is a colorful member of the prayer plant family, Marantaceae. On the dark green leaves, pink stripes feather out from the midrib to the edges on a slight curve. The undersides of the leaves are burgundy.

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 ornata*

# CALATHEA- PIN STRIPE



## Light

Calatheas prefer a medium exposer to ensure the stripes stay a bright pink. Direct sun will fade the markings, yet too dark an exposer will not allow them to stay bright.

Bright indirect-moderate

## Watering

Keep the potting soil evenly moist, not wet, but never dry. 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

Grow with Black Gold® All Purpose Soil amended with perlite or horticultural charcoal. Set in bright light, out of direct sun and drafts. They thrive best when provided with greenhouse-like conditions: warm, moist, gentle airflow.

## Flower

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

## Size

It may grow up to 2 feet tall

## Temperature

60-75°F

## Humidity

High

## Care

Difficult