

If you can't have pets in your home because of allergies, here is the plant for you. It is impossible to walk by this plant without running your hands up the back of the leaves. They are furry and soft. The topside of the plant is a bright green, but the soft, furry underside is a burgundy, adding more interest to the plant.

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.



Calathea rufibarba

VELVET CALATHEA



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Light

Medium light is best, such as an east window.

Bright indirect-moderate

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. In the winter feed monthly.

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. 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

It may grow up to 2 feet tall

Temperature

60-75°F

Humidity

High

Care

Difficult