

Commonly known as the pineapple family, bromelidas grow wild in the rain forests of South America. The forest bromeliad brought to Europe was indeed the pineapple, which Colombus found growing in the West Indies in 1493. After that nearly 300 years passed before other bromeliads were introduced into the "old" world.

Bromeliads are unique in their ability to absorb moisture and nutrients from the air through tiny leaf scales, called trichomes. Many species form rosettes of leaves that overlap at the base to form a reservoir that holds water. Often called a cup or tank, this reservoir provides the plant with water and nutrients, which are released as insects and forest debris caught in the cup slowly decay.



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Vriesea sp.

BROMELIAD- VRIESA TYPES



Light

Bright indirect light year round with some direct sun in the winter.

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Watering

Fill the central well formed by the leaves with unsoftened water; replenish every 2 weeks with fresh water. Keep the potting soil moist, but not soggy, and mist the leaves every few days. The shape of this plant makes a natural urn or vase in the center of the plant, and this needs to be kept filled with fresh water. When adding water, fill the urn to overflowing so that some spills into the potting medium. The potting mix does not need more water than that, as the roots are merely anchoring the plant. Empty the vase completely and refill often.

Feeding

Dilute an all purpose liquid plant food to one-half strength and use it to spray the leaves monthly from spring to fall. We recommend Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food.

Planting & Care

Grow with 1/2 Black Gold® All Purpose soil & 1/2 Black Gold® Orchid Mix.

Most bromeliads have scant root systems, and most grow best when kept in small pots.

Flower

The dramatic leaf colors make this plant a strong focal point even when it is not in bloom.

Size

Up to 2 feet

Temperature

70-80°F

Vriesea does not like temperatures above 80°F, it is best moved indoors during the heat of the summer.

Humidity

Moderate to High

Care

Easy

Never use any type of oil/leaf shine to clean the leaves or control pests, since oil can interfere with the work of the leaf scales.

