

# HOLLIES



Why We Love Hollies:

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# **FACTS**

Grow Zone: 2 - 8

Family: Cupressaceae

Genus: Thuja

Native To: North America (2 species), East Asia (3

species)

Mature Height: 5' - 80'

Mature Width: 5' - 20'

<u>Type</u>: Evergreen conifer

Growth Habit: Upright, conical or globular, medium to fast rate

Foliage: Green or golden, flat, lacy fan-shaped needles with scales

Flowers: Inconspicuous

**Propagation**: Cuttings

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# **INTERESTING VARIETIES:**

- Th'
- ThPillar'

Thensis

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Why We Love Azaleas:

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FACTS Grow Zone: 4 - 8 Family: Ericaceae

**Genus:** Rhododendron <u>Subgenus</u>: Penthanthera &

Azaleastrum

Native To: East Asia (evergreen), Europe & North America (deciduous) Mature Height: 2' - 8'

Mature Width: 2' - 8'

<u>Type</u>: Evergreen or Deciduous Flowering Shrub **Growth Habit: Upright,** mounding, compact <u>Foliage</u>: Glossy, thin lanceolate leaves with smooth edges. Elepidotes

with no scales

<u>Flowers</u>: Showy, funnel-shaped fragrant flowers, Bloom in spring (some rebloom). Wide color range.

<u>Propagation</u>: Graftings, Seeds, Cuttings

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# ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE & KALE



Why We Love Ornamental Cabbage & Kale:

# **FACTS**

Grow Zone: 4 - 8

Family: Violaceae

Genus: Viola

Native To: Europe,

England, Asia

Mature Height: 2" - 8"

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<u>Type</u>: Hardy annual /

biennial

**Growth Habit: Compact** 

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<u>Foliage</u>: Green, alternating ovate to

elliptic

<u>Flowers</u>: Showy, 5 single color or dual-colored petals, bloom late fall to early spring

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# FERNS



Why We Love Ferns:

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Grow Zone: 9 - 11

Family: Asparagaceae

Genus: Dracaena

Section: Sansevieria

<u>Native To</u>: Africa, Madagascar, South Asia

Mature Height: 1' - 10'

Mature Width: 6" - 24"

<u>Type</u>: Evergreen perennial

<u>Growth Habit</u>: Vertical from basal rosette

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### Why We Love Pothos:

The name Pothos is both its own genus and the common name for many vining plants with similar leaf shapes and growth patterns to Epipremnum aureum. They are prized for their beautiful trailing foliage that can "thrive on neglect," withstanding periods of low light or drought. All pothos are a great choice for beginner plant parents.

# **FACTS**

Grow Zone: 10 - 11 Family: Araceae Genus: Epipremnum, Scindapsus, Pothos Native To: Southeast Asia, China, Australia, South Pacific

Mature Height: 12" - 18" Mature Width: up to 10' long trailing vines **Type**: Herbaceous

perennial vine

Growth Habit: Epiphytic vining, trailing, climbing

Foliage: Green or variegated wide heartshaped leaves

Flowers: None or inconspicuous inflorescence

**Propagation:** Cuttings

# LIGHT

Thrives in bright, indirect light but can tolerate medium to low light conditions.

Not suited for direct sunlight.

# **WATER**

Pothos do best when their soil is allowed to mostly dry out between waterings.

# **SOIL**

Well-draining. Perlite or coco coir can be added to increase drainage.

Fertilize with a 10-10-10 solution every three months.

FYI: Pothos was one of the plants included in the original clean air experiments done by NASA. They do clean the air around them of toxins, but in very small quantities.

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# INTERESTING VARIETIES:

- Epipremnum aureum (Golden Pothos, Scindapsus pictus (Satin Devil's Vine)
- Epipremnum aureum 'Marble Queen' Pothos curtisii
- Epipremnum aureum 'Neon'
- Epipremnum pinnatum 'Cebu Blue'
- Epipremnum aureum 'HANSOTI14' (Manjula Pothos)
- Pothos, Silver Pothos)
- Philodendron scandens (Heart-leaf Philodendron)



# CALATHEA



### Why We Love Calathea:

Calathea are in the Maranta family, affectionately nicknamed "Prayer Plants" for the way they move. A happy Calathea will be in a different position every time you look at its bright foliage since they move to find the light throughout the day. They're pet-safe

# **FACTS**

Grow Zone: 9 - 11 Family: Marantaceae Genus: Calathea or

Goeppertia

Native To: Central & South America. Caribbean

Islands

Mature Height: 2' - 3' Mature Width: 1' - 2'

Type:Rhizomatous herbaceous perennial

Growth Habit: Upright, Compact

<u>Foliage</u>: Large, brightly colored bracts with intricate patterns

Flowers: Inconspicuous, white or lavender flowers with 3 petals

Propagation: Division,

Rhizomes

# **LIGHT**

Medium to bright, indirect light is ideal.

They can handle low light but increased light will help maintain their vivid colors and patterns.

# **WATER**

Calathea have high water requirements.

Thoroughly water when the top 25% of soil is dry. Humidifiers help.

# **SOIL**

Well-draining soil to ensure their roots don't sit in water.

Fertilize once a month with a 10-10-10 solution during spring and summer.

FYI: Many Calatheas are now in the genus Goeppertia, but still referred to as Calathea. Their foliage moves in search of light via nycinasty, bending from their joints (aka pulvini). • Goeppertia insignis (Rattlesnake Plant) • Goeppertia lietzei 'White

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# **INTERESTING VARIETIES:**

- Goeppertia roseopicta
- Goeppertia makoyana (Peacock Plant)
- Goeppertia albertii 'Thai Beauty'
- Calathea albertii 'White Tiger'
- Calathea leopardina

- Calathea lancifolia
- Fusion'
- Goeppertia elliptica 'Vittata'
- Goeppertia orbifolia



# CACTI



### Why We Love Cacti:

Cacti are one of the most diverse families of plants in the plant kingdom, including species in nearly every shape and size imaginable. They perform photosynthesis in their stems, where they can hold gallons of water inside. Many make great houseplants that need very little water.

## **FACTS**

Grow Zone: 5 - 11+
Order: Caryophyllales
Family: Cactaceae
Genus: various

Native To: Primarily North, Central, & South

Americas

Mature Height: 6" - 40'

Mature Width: 1" - 20'

Type: Succulent perennial

<u>Growth Habit</u>: Most are Columnar, some are globular, arborescent, or

epiphytic

<u>Foliage</u>: None, Spines <u>Flowers</u>: Short-lived, showy flowers in reds, yellows, whites, and other

colors

<u>Propagation</u>: Cuttings, or asexual offset "pups"

# **LIGHT**

Bright light to full sun.

Cacti prefer about
10 - 12 hours of light
per day but need a
minimum of 4 - 6
hours. Avoid more
than 14 hours per day.

# **WATER**

Allow to dry out completely between waterings.

Cacti store water and will usually shrivel as they use up their reserved water.

# **SOIL**

Cacti grow well in porous, pebbly or sandy soil.

Fertilize once in spring and summer with a 5-10-5 solution.

FYI: Many cacti grown indoors are prized for their stunning, fragrant flowers. Their roots are typically very shallow. Susceptible to scale, mealybugs & other pests

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# **INTERESTING VARIETIES:**

- Opuntia basilaris (Prickly Pear)
- Opuntia microdasys (Bunny Ear Cactus)
- Selenicereus grandiflorus (Night-blooming Cereus)
- Ferocactus wislizeni (Candy Barrel Cactus)
- Acanthocereus tetragonus 'Fairy Castle'
- Mammillaria hahniana (Old Lady Cactus)
- Euphorbia trigona (African Milk Tree)
- Gymnocalycium mihanovichii (Moon Cactus)