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Air Plant (Tillandsia) Care

Soil

Air plants require no soil. They are called epiphytes because they anchor themselves to other plants and objects, but do not take nourishment from them.

Enjoy them:

- As is
- In a terrarium with pebbles, sand, and trinkets.
- Mounted as a wall decoration
- Suspended

Light

Prefer a bright spot in the house, especially the gray leaf (xeric) varieties. Mesic varieties are often found with green leaves and are native to rainforests where they live high up in the trees. With the right amount of light, the plants may display a pink, red, or orange color.

Watering

Soak 1 time a week for 2-3 hours. Completely submerge your plant. Use something to weight it down if necessary (like a saucer). Use warm to room temperature water. Do NOT allow the plant to remain in water or hold water around it's base for long periods of time. This will lead to the plant molding or worse yet rotting. Air plants have trichomes that absorb moisture.

At a minimum mist at least a couple times a week, but you may mist as frequently as daily, as long as the plant is not sitting water. It helps to pull the plant from its terrarium or home to mist and then put the plant back (this will also help

Fertilizer

Fertilize with a water soluble fertilizer with a low, (like 1-1-1) even analysis, during the spring and summer. Soak the air plants with the fertilizer, following the frequency of feeding on the label. We recommend Fox Farm Fertilizers, specifically fish based because they have a low analysis.

For further reading check out [Air Plants: The Curious World of Tillandsias](#) by Zenaida Sengo