

Plant Care Tips

Red Prayer Plant

Maranta leuconeura 'Red'



Sunlight

The Maranta prefers medium to bright, indirect light and is sensitive to direct sunlight.



Water

Marantas prefer to be moist but not wet or saturated. From our experience, it is easy to over water plants so make sure to feel the dirt by pressing your finger 2 inches in the soil. Yellow leaves are a sign of over watering so if you see them, scale down the amount of water.



Climate

Marantas prefer temperatures of 65 - 85°F.



Soil

A very light feeder, apply a balanced houseplant fertilizer at half strength once every 1 - 3 months.

Plant Story

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Maranta leuconeura, commonly known as a prayer plant, is an ornamental tropical plant native to the rainforests of Brazil. The Maranta gets its nickname from its behavior. Prayer plants display nyctinasty, meaning their leaves move in accordance with their circadian rhythm. Their foliage opens towards the sun throughout the day to maximize light intake and returns to an upright position at night to retain moisture and prevent water collection on leaves, reminiscent of hands in prayer.

This plant is a relatively easy species to care for and is a great option for those who love Calathea and their behaviors but are not ready to tackle the trickier cousin of the Maranta. They grow best where they get medium to bright, indirect light. Being the tropical plants that they are, Maranta should be watered regularly so that the soil is always at least lightly moist but never dry. Both too frequent and infrequent watering will result in burnt leaves and an unhappy plant.

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