

VRIESEA CARE GUIDE



Vriesea

WATER

Vrieseas are epiphytic, taking in their nutrients from the water and the air through their central tank, or stem. Their roots act merely as an anchor in a potting medium or mounted like on a piece of wood. Easily susceptible to crown rot. Flush the tank with freshwater weekly. Rainwater or distilled water is best and will prevent a saline buildup on the leaves. Provide humidity by misting the plant with a spray bottle.

FERTILIZER

Vrieseas can be fertilized using a slightly acidic fertilizer diluted to a quarter of the recommended strength or less. During the growing season, April through October, thoroughly coat the all surfaces of the foliage with the diluted solution at least twice a month.

LIGHT

Vrieseas are very adaptable to a wide range of light conditions. They are more tolerant and thrive in shady conditions unlike other common bromeliads. As the sunlight increases the humidity should also increase to avoid scorched leaves. Brighter indirect light conditions will also allow the colors to become more brilliant. They can also withstand a range of low and high temperatures for a short period of time.