

ZZ Plant

Zamioculcus zamiifolia

ZZ plant is enjoyed for its unique appearance, its ability to grow under low light conditions, and its tolerance to drought. ZZ's naturally glossy leaves are so shiny that the plant appears to have been polished. ZZ is stemless. Petioles arise directly from the rhizome. Leaflets along the petiole are arranged alternately. This plant can be treated in much the same way as cactus and other succulent plants. While they will grow in very low levels of light, even in areas with only fluorescent light, they do best with bright indirect sunlight.

Type: Erect, semi-evergreen perennial

USDA hardiness zones: For outdoor planting 10b to 12

Uses: Houseplant or in the landscape

Origin: Native to eastern Africa, Kenya, South Africa, and Tanzania

Height: 2 to 4 feet **Spread:** 2 to 4 feet

Plant spacing: 3 to 5 feet

Light requirement: ZZ is easily maintained under low light interiors in homes and offices. Plant in partial to deep shade for outside.

Soil preferences: Any well-drained peat- or bark-based potting soil can be used.

Drought tolerance: ZZ is very drought tolerant, although leaf drop may occur

Soil salt tolerances: Slight salt tolerance. Avoid saline or alkaline conditions

Invasive potential: Is not considered invasive due to slow growth and doesn't outcompete native plants.

Pest resistance: No diseases or pests are problematic on this plant.

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Poison Severity:

Toxic if ingested and can cause skin irritation if touched. The plant contains calcium oxalate crystals, which can cause a burning sensation in the mouth, throat, lips, and tongue.