

Botanical Name: Maranta leuconeura 'Erythroneura'

Common Name: Red-veined prayer plant

Type of Plant: Monocot: Houseplant Family Marantaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Clumping, tumbling plant consisting of short, jointed stems with
large, colorfully spotted and striped foliage; red veins are prominent

Height to 8" Spread to 18" Growth Rate maoderate

Environment:

Exposure indoors brightly lit areas, but keep out of direct sunlight

Soil average potting mix with added perlite

Hardiness tender – requires warm, humid conditions indoors

Morphology:

Leaves large, oval leaves with prominent dark blotches and pronounced
red veins on the upper surfaces; reddish or bronzy on undersides

Flowers intermittent blooms of small, white flowers – about 1/2" across;
flower scapes may contain six or eight blooms

Fruit small fleshy capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings – cut leaves in half

Usage: single specimen for medium pots or hanging baskets; allow area
for the plant to spread and tumble out of its pot; not recommended as a
terrarium plant or small potted specimen

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering during normal growth and flowering;
this plant may have a resting period during which the leaves may die back – allow
the plant to remain fairly dry through winter then begin water and fertilizer in spring
Fertilizing balanced 1/2 strength about once per month

Pruning cut back during winter months; allow to regrow in spring

Pests/Diseases mealybug, spider mites

Other

Origin: Brazil