

Botanical Name: Peperomia caperata 'Emerald Ripple'

Common Name: Emerald ripple peperomia

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small, upright, clumping plant with dark green, heart-shaped foliage, deeply veined and convoluted on upper surface.

Height to 1' Spread to 1' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure indoor takes a low light (North window) up to 250 FC

Soil add perlite to standard potting mix

Hardiness tender -- likes high humidity, warm temperatures

Morphology:

Leaves cordate, to 2" long, palmately veined, strongly veined above, on 6" petioles

Flowers spikes on 4" long scapes to 6" long -- reddish

Fruit not important

Propagation: stem cuttings, leaf cuttings, division

Usage: single specimen plant, in dish gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering keep slightly dry -- can get stem rot if drainage is poor.

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, twice a month

Pruning divide if plant gets too large, remove dead flower stalks

Pests/Diseases mealybug, stem/root rot

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil Family: Piperaceae