

Botanical Name: Peperomia sandersii

Common Name: Watermelon peperomia

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright clump of foliage with short stems and long fleshy
petioles -- brightly striped leaves

Height 6-12" Spread 8-12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure indoor near north or east window

Soil standard potting mis -- add perlite for good drainage

Hardiness indoor only -- likes humidity

Morphology:

Leaves cordate, dark green, flattened with grayish stripes --
similar colors to a watermelon 2-3" wide on 4-6" long petioles

Flowers intermittent, spike of light green fleshy flowers

Fruit tiny capsules along stem

Propagation: leaf, stem, vein cuttings -- easy to propagate

Usage: good in small to medium size pots -- in terrariums;
combines in high-humidity planters

Landscape Care:

Watering don't overwater -- allow to become fairly dry in between
waterings

Fertilizing light, balanced fertilizer twice a month

Pruning cut back severely or take cuttings after 1-2 years

Pests/Diseases spidermite, aphids, mealybug

Special Conditions plant should be renewed after 1-2 years

Origin: Africa Family: Piperaceae