

Botanical Name: Maranta leuconeura 'Kerchoviana'

Common Name: Prayer Plant

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping stems of large, dark spotted leaves which close at night

Height 4-6" Spread 1-2' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure indoor N. or E. window, temps. above 65 - light above 150 FC

Soil standard potting mix

Hardiness tender

Morphology:

Leaves ovate, papery leaves 3-5" long, 2" across with dark green markings on top -- usually 6 or 8 along midrib

Flowers intermittent, white, solitary flowers -- 1/2" across -- not particularly decorative

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings -- reduce leaf surface area

Usage: grows well in medium pots -- spreads out over large area with time -- too large for terraria

Landscape Care:

Watering regular watering

Fertilizing balanced -- light fertilizer 2X per month

Pruning cut back to base in winter; dry out 1-2 mos.

Pests/Diseases mealybug, spider mites

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil Family: Marantaceae