

Syngonium sp.

Syngoniums are hardy and easy to care for plants that are successfully grown indoors. Grown for their interesting and versatile foliage colours, they from a cascading vine that can also be trained to grow upwards. They have arrow-shaped leaves that come in variegated greens, pinks and whites.

Syngonium leaves will change shape as they age, beginning as an oval shape, forming a heart then becoming a triangular arrow-head shape. They form long stems with adventitious leaves that will eventually trail over the edge of the pot and form a vine.

How to grow:

Syngoniums prefer a well-lit spot indoors or a sheltered, shaded spot outdoors. They need a warm area, so it is important to keep them indoors during the winter months.

The soil should be kept slightly moist during the warmer months but needs to dry out completely between watering in the cooler winter months.

Repotting every two years or so into a slightly larger pot will benefit the growth of the plant and replenish the soil.

Apply a liquid fertiliser during the warmer months. Stressed Syngonium plants can be prone to insect attack from aphids, scale, mealy bug and red spider mite.

They will benefit from a general tidy up every now and again, removing any dead leaves from the base of the plant.

Note: Syngoniums are toxic to pets and people. Avoid contact with sap by wearing gloves and long sleeves when handling and wash hands properly when finished.

