

## PLANT CARE GUIDE

# APHELANDRA SQUARROSA

(af-el-AN-druh skwa-RO-suh)

### COMMON NAMES:

Zebra Plant, Dania Plant, Saffron Spike

**FAMILY:** Acanthaceae **ORIGIN:** East Brazil

GROWTH	Upwards
LIGHT	Filtered, indirect
WATER	Keep evenly moist
HUMIDITY	50% - 75%
TEMPERATURE	18°C - 28°C
SOIL	Well draining potting mix
CONTAINER	Self-watering planter, living walls
NUTRIENTS	10-10-10 Monthly, 10-15-10 in Fall
PROPAGATION	Seed or stem cutting
INTERIOUSCAPE USE	Container filler, desktop, living wall, fall flower
COMMON PESTS	Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Thrips.

COMMON ISSUES	Root rot when sitting in water. Leaves brown when overwatered, leaves droop and drop if under-watered, leaves crisp with too much light. Leaves die back if too cold.
COMMENTS	A plant that features beautiful foliage year round and surprises their owner with a bright yellow flower spike, usually in the Fall. A relatively easy to care for plant that prefers moist and humid conditions. A dripline or plant-nanny system would benefit the growth of the Zebra plant.
TOXICITY	Non-toxic and safe