

## Aspidistra

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Origin: Japan

In nature, 8 species are distributed aspidistri. They are perennial herbaceous plants.

Aspidistrata is extremely resistant plant. It is resistant to air currents, dry and dirty air and heat, and cold winter prepolivane, drought. She does not particularly matter what the composition of the soil. There are only two things that can harm this "iron" plant - direct sunlight and inadequate replanting.

Aspidistrata leaves are dark green (there variegatna form with cream covered with leaves), glossy, or shirokoovalni lantsetni (recall the leaves of lily of the valley in shape), reaches 70 cm in length and 15 cm wide on long stems. At the base of the sheet can be seen 1 or 2 reduced leaves lyuspoobrazni covering the handle. Their function is to protect the growing green leaf by helping him to break through the soil. Flowers are small, purple, short-term, appear in the breasts of young leaves of lyuspoobraznite drazhchitsi. In indoor bloom conditions is rare. Rhizome is creeping, highly branched. Each green sheet belongs to a separate vertical branch. Some species have a cream-colored flowers or covered with dots.

Species:

Aspidistra elatior - with dark green leaves

Aspidistra variegata - with leaves on cream stripes. It is more capricious than other types.

Watered frequently, regardless of the season.

Good soil should be enriched with limestone.

Likes well-processed, enriched soil but can withstand and more - poor soils.

To look good, fertilization during the active period.

It grows well in shade and more - holy places, but does not like direct sunlight. Not affected by currents. Dislikes too much humidity.

The temperature of the room during the day should be about 20 degrees and night - around 12 - 14.

Be propagated by division. Legs planted in ordinary garden soil by example, but more - a great depth of the plant - mother. This can be done at any time of year.

Problems:

- If the leaves turn yellow - or the plant is too old or rhizome incorruptible - reduces watering and is treated with fungicide

Pests:

" Scale insects;

" mites.