

Maranta leuconeura

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Family: Marantovi - Marantaceae

Origin: Brazil, Tropical America

Haze plants are bright green oval leaves, and having pastrolistni forms. Remarkable are attractive coloration of leaves, a flat background of which stand out bright streaks or spots. General background ranges from almost white to very dark green, almost black.

Haze are not big plants - rarely grow more than 30 cm wide leaves have the ability to change direction - plates sheets under favorable conditions be placed almost horizontally, and in insufficient light or other adverse conditions will be lifted up and flocking. Leaves reach a length of 15 cm

Typical was the reaction to its light - a dark, its leaves are lifted up and made it a closed Ka jack, and the light will turn occupy a horizontal position - jack open.

Certain types:

Maranta leuconeura - the leaves are dark green, to the periphery in bright yellow-green with irregularly shaped areas around the median nerve and bright streaks of red or raspberry. Colors are light blue or light purple.

Maranta kerchoveana - leaves are gray-green with dark green or brownish-green irregular spots around the median nerve. Small flowers are white or purple in 2 - 3 in the cluster.

Marantata grown at 20-22 degrees and loves a moist air - it is better to be sown in a wide pots that will provide access to the aerial roots of moisture. Watered with water remained at room temperature in dry soil, the leaves are shrinking as tubes and especially during the summer, should be sprayed. Watering should not lead to excessive permanent wetting of the soil, which will affect air and arrangements. Transplant only if the size of plant required its transfer to a large bowl. Annually for feeding can be replaced at the topsoil. Soil mixture to be screened leaflet, peat, burnt manure with a little sand. Recommended for use in small compositions, amateur collectors, and winter gardens.

23 species are known, whose country is humid tropical forests of Brazil.

If you want to keep the bright color of the leaves, put the pot away from windows or directly in some dark corner of the room where it will reach only the scattered light.

Propagation: cuttings propagated with which you can spend on transplanting from the main plant and leave for several weeks in water, while developing their root system.