

## **Vriesea splendens**

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Vrizeyata (*Vriesea*) is one of the representatives of the family Bromeliaceae. The genus includes about 190 original species. Among them a special charm stands out the most popular - Fabulous vrizeya (*V. splendens*). It is also called "flaming sword". Plants form a rosette of leaves many long, curved gracefully outward. They are dark green, billowy cross transverse strips of streaky. Flowering stem reaches a height of 60 centimeters. Of the top half is available cyme composed of numerous red bracts. They are small yellow flowers appear from 5 to 7 cm long. Appear in late summer.

Homeland and tropical forests. Like other bromeliaceae has well arranged in the form of bushy clump.

Besides the gorgeous, grown more and reshaped vrizeya (*V. fenestralis*). It comes from Brazil. The overall height of the plants reached 70 cm and the leaves are up to 40-50 cm. They are green with transverse and longitudinal yellow lines that divide them as a grid. The charm is precisely the plants in their leaves. Transverse bracts flowers appear in summer.

Our country is imported and *V. hieroglyphica*, which also originates from Brazil. Its rosette is formed by green and yellow leaves. They are curiously painted in dark red hieroglyphic patterns. Unlike other species, the upper part of the inflorescence branches. Blooms are bracts, dull, about 5 cm long. Usually blooms in summer.

Summer and need a temperature of - 20 - 25 degrees, and winter - 15, and very light. It is to be watered with soft water, this must be done on top. Soil in the pot should not dry out. In winter is moderate watering, but must maintain a high humidity.

The ideal combination of soil is peat moss and chopped leaves.

Water once a month.

Likes moist warm places, but no direct sunlight.

Vrizeyata reproduced by cuttings. Most appropriate for their separation from the mother and planting is in spring. Choose pots with a diameter of 10-12 cm soil establishment by equal parts sand and peat leaflet. Plants should be put in place slightly overshadowed. While rooted around them must be warmer than that optimum temperature. The air humidity is constantly high. Keep it by regular irrigation, it is best to spray. From April to September Water liberally and in the rest of the year - in moderation. In summer you can pour water and emerging from the rosette leaves in the form of a funnel. In the active period water at least once a month.