

Zamia

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Left (*Zamia*) is one of the rarest plants on Earth. Naturally present in some areas of Mexico and in southeastern Florida. In appearance reminded palm, but in fact the ancient family of sago (*Cycadaceae*). It contains twenty golosemenni type plants, which are extremely rare due to bow their age - their history dates back millions of years ago.

In the decorative flowers can be seen only small species left (*Zamia pumila*). It has short (up to 10 centimeters) klubenovidno bold bright green stem and leaves Leatherback cirrus. Individual leaflets are large and rounded in shape resemble a spoon. Covered with a thick waxy coating that protects them from moisture evaporation, and furthermore are bristly. Left is dioecious plant, ie has male and female representatives whose colors - cones must be pollinated to produce seeds. At home went extremely rare flowering and seed for obrazurane can not become 'a word. Qualities for which is grown are primarily the leaves and the beauty of her biggest strength. It grows very slowly, but with better viewing over time may reach 1 m height and width.

Svetlolyubivo plant is, but should be protected from direct sunlight ogyavanane. Excessive basking in the leaves yellowing. Moreover, and warm temperatures - demperaturata reduction below 12 degrees can kill him. Best be developed at a constant temperature of 18-22 degrees.

In moderate summer watering, the soil is kept constantly moist, without allowing dry. Excess moisture can cause rotting of the roots and the leaves zhaltyavane.

In winter, watering is not enough to die of thirst. Passed requiring high air humidity, so it is often better to pulverize the leaves and to wash with warm water.

Propagation is by seed, which are sold by some companies, but generally this is an exercise for people who like complex. Otherwise, it is best to buy a ready plant. Every transplant is 4-5 years, as growing and developing very slowly.

Soil should be food and heavier: clay garden soil, leaflet, well burnt manure and sand in equal parts. Pot should be well drained.