

Ribbons and Curls Ribbon Bush Homalocladium platycladum 'Ribbons and Curls'

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Tapeworm Plant, Centipede Plant

Description:

An unusual, upright shrub with long, flat, lime green leafless stems that are jointed at nodes; foliage is only present on new growth; tiny white flowers along the stems in late fall, followed by red fruit; makes a great specimen for large pots

Features & Attributes

Ribbons and Curls Ribbon Bush features dainty white flowers along the branches in late fall. Its oval leaves remain green in color throughout the year. The lime green stems are very effective and add to the plant's interest.

This is a multi-stemmed houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant can be pruned at any time to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Ribbons and Curls Ribbon Bush can be expected to grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It prefers to grow in average to moist soil. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.



Ribbons and Curls Ribbon Bush foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --