

Euphorbia pulcherrima

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Common Names: Poinsettia,
Christmas Flower, Flame-Leaf Flower

Family: Euphorbiaceae
Origin: Mexico

Growth: Upwards, bushy

Light: Bright, indirect

Foot Candles: 175 - 250

Water: Allow to dry partially

Humidity: 30% - 70%

Temperature: 12°C - 18°C

Soil: Regular potting mix

Container: Self-watering planter, living wall

Nutrients: 10-15-10 Monthly when flowering

Propagation: Stem / branch cuttings, seed

Interiorscape Use: Seasonal colour, Christmas displays

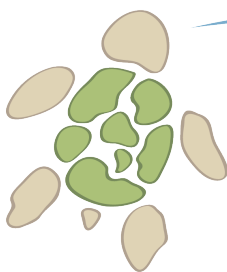


Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips, Whiteflies

Common Issues: Prone to leaf droop. Not typically kept once done flowering.

Comments: A plant that is synonymous with Christmas mostly as a result of a single family pushing to make it the Christmas Flower. The Ecke family supplies half of the entire world market and 70% of the US market. It is an impressive feat especially due to the plant being particularly sensitive to sub 10°C temperatures which are very common in the holiday season in northern climates.

Toxicity: Causes occasional abdominal pain with vomiting and diarrhea when ingested. Redness, swelling, and blisters can occur after some delay following frequent contact with skin. Very minor symptoms that only last a few minutes.



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