

# Aphelandra squarrosa

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**Common Names:** Zebra Plant, Dania Plant, Saffron Spike

**Family:** Acanthaceae

**Origin:** East Brazil

**Growth:** Upwards

**Light:** Filtered, indirect

**Foot Candles:** 100 - 175

**Water:** Keep evenly moist

**Humidity:** 50% - 75%

**Temperature:** 18°C - 28°C

**Soil:** Well draining potting mix

**Container:** Self-watering planter, living wall

**Nutrients:** 10-10-10 Monthly, 10-15-10 in Fall

**Propagation:** Seed or stem cutting

**Interiorscape Use:** Container filler, desktop, living wall, fall flower



**Common Pests:** Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Thrips.

**Common Issues:** Root rot when sitting in water. Leaves brown when over-watered, leaves droop and drop if under-watered, leaves crisp with too much light. Leaves die back if too cold.

**Comments:** A plant that features beautiful foliage year round and surprises their owner with a bright yellow flower spike, usually in the Fall. A relatively easy to care for plant that prefers moist and humid conditions. A drip-line or plant-nanny system would benefit the growth of the Zebra plant.

**Toxicity:** Safe.



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