

## *Care Instructions*

Tillandsias have a wide range of habitats. They live from arid deserts to Brazilian rain forests. This ability to adapt to different environments makes the Tillandsia one of the most carefree plants in the world.

Most of these plants can be put into a home with poor lighting and little to no water-for a month without adverse effects. Some can even survive several months of those conditions. A person can adapt their Tillandsia into a indoor environment. Following are a few guide lines that will allow most Tillandsias to thrive and grow indoors and out.

### **Indoor Care**

Tillandsias enjoy high light. You can place your plant near the light of a window facing east, west, or south.

To water place your plant in water several hours and go 2 weeks before soaking again. When doing this make sure that you do not use chlorinated water, or water that goes through a softener. Rain water is best - you can also use well water or distilled

water. If you use city water, let it stand overnight before using.

### **Outdoor Care**

Tillandsia's will do well all year outdoors in warmer climates. They enjoy fresh breezes and good air circulation.

Most Tillandsia are used to high light conditions. You should be okay if your plants have full sun from dawn to 10 am and 3 pm to sunset.

### **Fertilizer**

Tillandsias will thrive when you give them a regular dose of fertilizer. A good balanced orchid fertilizer designed for foliar feeding is highly recommended. Do not use a fertilizer that contains copper as a component. Follow the instructions for half strength orchid fertilizer.

### **Blooms and Offsets**

Tillandsias like all bromeliads will only bloom once. After blooming the plant will put out new offsets from between the leaves at the base of the plant.