Lightning Jewel Orchid

Ludisia 'Lightning'



Lightning Jewel Orchid foliage
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Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Description:

An interesting creeping and low growing selection perfect for houseplant collections; an eye catching choice presenting foliage in shades of green, gold, coppers and reds; small, white dainty flowers appear on tall spikes during the fall and winter months

Features & Attributes

Lightning Jewel Orchid features showy spikes of white orchid-like flowers with yellow throats at the ends of the stems in late winter. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color with showy coppery-bronze variegation and tinges of gold throughout the year.

This is an open herbaceous evergreen houseplant with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Lightning Jewel Orchid can be expected to grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It does best in average soil that is neither too wet nor too dry, and may die if left in standing water for any length of time. This plant should be watered when the surface of the soil gets dry, and will need watering approximately once 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 will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

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.