

ZZ Plant – Overview

Common Name:

The ZZ Plant

Botanical Name:

Zamioculcas zamiifolia

Origin:

Eastern Africa – Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar

Key Features

- **Appearance:** Glossy, dark green, feather-like leaves on thick upright stems
- **Growth:** Slow to moderate grower, very hardy
- **Height:** Can grow up to 2–3 feet indoors
- **Lifespan:** Very long-lived with minimal care

Care Tips

Light Low to bright indirect light (very adaptable; thrives in low light too)

Watering Water every 2–3 weeks (let soil dry out fully between waterings)

Soil Well-draining soil or cactus mix

Humidity Normal indoor humidity is fine

Fertilizer Feed lightly once a month in growing season (spring/summer)

Potting Use pots with drainage holes; repot every 2–3 years



Important Warnings

- **Toxic if ingested** – Keep away from pets and small children
 - **Can cause skin irritation** – Wash hands after touching sap
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Fun Facts

- Known as the “**eternity plant**” for its toughness
- Survives in neglect and drought – perfect for beginners or offices
- Cleans the air – NASA listed it as an air-purifying plant
- Its rhizomes store water – helps it survive dry spells