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PLANTS



STRELITZIA NICOLAI

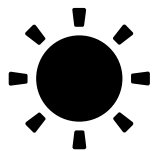
CARE GUIDE

Meet the *Strelitzia Nicolai*, the botanical monarch of your indoor jungle. This majestic beauty, also known as the "Giant White Bird of Paradise,". Native to rainforests in South Africa. Here's how to ensure your *Strelitzia Nicolai* thrives like true royalty:



WATERING

Rule number one: never drown the king! Water when the top 2-3 inches of soil are dry, which typically means every 1-2 weeks. Ensure well-draining soil and a pot with drainage holes – no soggy feet for this monarch!



LIGHTING

The Giant Bird of Paradise craves the limelight! Place it in bright, indirect sunlight to make it feel like a tropical king. Avoid harsh, direct sun, which can scorch its majestic leaves.



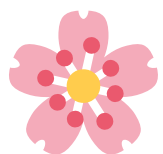
TEMPERATURE

Keep your Giant Bird of Paradise in a warm palace, around 18-24°C. Avoid drafts and chilly temperatures. Protect it from frost – this monarch is not a fan of the cold.



HUMIDITY

Like any ruler, this plant enjoys a little luxury. Increase humidity by misting its leaves or using a humidity tray. Treat it to a royal spa day with some extra moisture by using a humidifier.



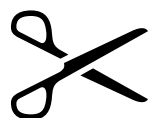
FLOWERS

The king may bless you with white, bird-like blooms, a rare and glorious sight. While it can be reserved about flowering indoors, patience and proper care may reward you with this regal spectacle.



FERTILISING

Feed the king! Provide a balanced liquid fertiliser during the growing season (spring and summer) every 4-6 weeks. In the colder months, give it a royal rest from the feasts.



PRUNING

Maintain the monarch's appearance by trimming any damaged or unruly leaves. A well-groomed Giant Bird of Paradise is a happy one. Pruning also encourages new growth as well as keeping the leaves fresh.



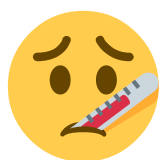
REPOTTING

Every 2-3 years, upgrade the palace! Repot into a larger container with good drainage to ensure it is happy.



TOXICITY

While majestic, the Giant Bird of Paradise can be toxic if ingested. Keep it away from pets and children.



PESTS & DISEASES

Palace guards, beware! Watch for pests like mealybugs or spider mites. Regular inspections will ensure a pest-free reign. Address any issues promptly to keep the kingdom in order.



PROPAGATION & GROWTH

Expanding the royal dynasty? Propagate the Giant Bird of Paradise by division, creating new heirs to the throne. Ensure that each division has several healthy roots and stems before potting them into their own royal chambers. Nicoalis with the right care can reach up to 10 feet tall.