

# Earth Star

*Cryptanthus 'Ruby Star'*

**Beginner Friendly**

## Care

### LIGHT

Light to medium amounts of bright, indirect light. Try morning and/or evening sun.

### WATER

Let soil dry out in between waterings.

### ENVIRONMENT

Can thrive in average household temperature and humidity, but is native to the tropics, so it does enjoy a good misting or humid area.

### TOXICITY

This plant is nontoxic and pet friendly!



# Common Plant Problems

## Cupped Leaves / Brown Leaf Tips

This is a common problem when plants aren't getting enough watering or watering is very inconsistent.

## Yellowing Leaves

This can occur with nutrient deficiencies or overwatering. Keep an eye on the plant's soil moisture. If it is saturated, allow the soil a chance to dry out before its next watering.

## Leggy Growth

If it looks like your plant is stretching its stems or leaves as far as it can toward a window - it needs more light!

## Brown Spots

For some plants, too much light can cause sunburn on its leaves. This is represented by light brown spots surrounded by yellow halos.

## Wilting / Fainting

Wilting can be caused by unsuitable temperatures. Consider researching your plant to find out if an area its in is too cold or warm. If a plant begins to faint or droop its leaves (pothos is good at this!), its an SOS sign for water.

## Insect Problems

Often times, insects appear when plants are unhappy in their conditions. If you notice insect presence or damage, double check its needs. Try isolating the plant and treat it with neem oil or insecticidal soaps until the insects are no longer present.