

3000 Plants – Neighbourhood Garden Club

Flowering indoor plants

These plants are a challenge.

They are not as common as most houseplants because they need bright, indirect light and consistent humidity. They really like the specifics of their original outdoor environment.

Often flowering indoor plants maintained indoors won't flower again. Some flower once in a lifetime (bromeliads), some once a year, some seasonally (winter cactus), some repeatedly (violets)

Common flowering house plants: peace lilies, begonias, hoyas, orchids, African violets, primrose, amaryllis, anthuriums – flamingo lily, cyclamen, succulents & cactus, including Aloe, poinsettias.

Higher maintenance: highest indoor light requirement, humidity, tricky to water – do not leave soggy, stems can rot easily. Do not fertilise while flowering, wait until finished. Rotate for even growth.

They may not keep well after flowering, slowly diminishing.

Inflorescence: the complete flower head of a plant including stems, stalks, bracts, and flowers.

flower: the part of a plant important in sexual reproduction; a flower is generally the showiest part of a plant

bracts: showy, brightly coloured specialized leaves (on such plants as dogwoods and poinsettias) that are often mistaken for flower petals, found above the leaves, but below the flowers, functioning to protect the flower (spathe is a bract)

Share examples – any plants in bloom now?

