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# Philodendron hybrids

*Bird's Nest - Prince of Orange, Autumn and Moonlight*

Both Nature and Nurture play a role in the performance of these plants, which differ from other philodendrons in that they don't climb, yet they have broad, spade-shaped leaves.

Bird's nest philodendrons are typically sold by variety name (see below), and they require a little less light than other large philodendrons.

"Autumn" has leaves that start out coppery-red and eventually change to an olive green.

"Moonlight" the leaves are broadly oval or truly lance-shaped, emerging with a bright chartreuse green or light yellow.

"Prince of Orange" produces new leaves that are a bright shiny orange that mature to green. Does well in low light and maintains its orange color in all levels of light.

**Light:** Moderate light or fluorescent light. Can tolerate low light, but does better in more light. No direct sun!



**Water:** Keep lightly moist, but allow the top 50% of the soil to dry out before watering. Moderate humidity is beneficial, especially in winter when indoor air may be very dry.

**Fertilizing:** From spring through fall, feed monthly with a high-nitrogen plant food that includes magnesium and other micronutrients. In winter, feed every 6 weeks.

**TIP:** Keep leaves clean with a soft, damp cloth or sponge. Containers should be short and stout to help prevent toppling.