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Columnnea gloriosa

Goldfish plant

A vining cousin to African Violets, columnnea is often called “goldfish plant” because of its curved tubular blossoms, which resemble leaping fish. Expect little or no blooming in winter when light levels are low. Maintaining dry soil in winter promotes heavy spring flowering, but take care that the soil never dries out completely.

It is best to pinch back the stems to 18 inches to encourage bushier growth.

In winter, avoid wetting the leaves when watering, as this can lead to problems with stem rot. Keep plant indoors in summer, as high temperatures or too much light can cause leaves to turn brown.

Light: Moderate light from an east window, or fluorescent light.



Water: From spring through summer, provide tepid water as often as needed to keep soil light moist. In winter, allow soil to become almost dry between waterings. Maintain moderate to high humidity year-round by misting plant daily or using a humidifier.

Fertilizing: From spring through summer, feed every 2 weeks with a high-phosphorous plant food mixed at half the recommended rate. In winter, feed monthly.