East Bay Nursery

Pink Quill

Tillandsia cyanea

Height: 4 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Description:

This variety is an epiphyte, which means it is a plant that grows upon another and nourishes itself through rain and dew in the air; a tall bract rises from a cluster of leaves, and turns vivid pink just before the violet flowers emerge; mist frequently



Pink Quill flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Features & Attributes

Pink Quill features showy bracted violet flag-like flowers with pink bracts along the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its recurved narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

This is an open herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant should never be pruned unless absolutely necessary, as it tends not to take pruning well.



Pink Quill in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Pink Quill can be expected to grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It prefers to grow in average to dry soil, and dislikes excessive moisture. This plant should be watered when the surface of the soil gets dry, and will need watering approximately once each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.