



## Airplants

Tillandsia (aka airplants or tree ferns), are a genus of plants in the same family as Bromeliads. These natural epiphytes grow from trees (except for a few potted varieties that grow in soil, like *Tillandsia cyanea*) and are native to the tropics, although they have naturalized in some U.S. states, such as Georgia and Florida.

As epiphytes, they get nutrients from air molecules and when matter breaks down on the surface they are growing on. They absorb nutrients through cellular structures called trichomes which give some a fuzzy texture.

Airplants need bright, but indirect or filtered light. To water, give them a bath/soak in a container or the sink once a week for 30 min. Luke warm or room temp water is preferred. They are sensitive to the chemicals in tap water so either let your water sit for at least 20 minutes before soaking, use filtered water or treat them to their very fav: rain water in the spring thru fall! Be careful not to leave extra water in the base of the plant after their bath as this will lead to internal rotting (helps to let them dry upside down for a bit before rehangng or placing in their container). AND THEY ARE NON-TOXIC TO PETS! Hooray!

☀️ **Light: Bright indirect or filtered**

💧 **Water: Minimal - a weekly soak should suffice**

🌱 **Soil: NONE!**

🐱🐶 **Pet Safe? YES!!**