

## Common Indoor Plants (I)

The next 3 lectures will cover various aspects of individual plants on your syllabus list. You will not need to know all the information provided, such as scientific names, native habitat, light requirements for most plants, etc. You will, however, be required to know distinct characteristics of certain plants, common related features of certain plants, etc. Your instructor will continually “stress” those areas that are important, such as plants which can withstand neglect, plants suitable for hanging baskets, plants susceptible to certain toxicities, etc. Try to make connections whenever you can between certain plants in terms of common or unusual features or characteristics. Please use your good judgment as to what is “important” based on the types of questions found on Exam 1.

\***Aluminum plant** - *Pilea cadierei*

Introductory Comments:

Ideal Cultural Conditions:

1. Light -
2. Water -
3. Temperature -

Other Considerations:

\***Artillery plant** - *Pilea microphylla* (related to Aluminum plant)

Introductory Comments:

Ideal Cultural Conditions:

1. Light -

2. Water -

3. Temperature -

Other Considerations:

\* **Moon Valley Pilea** - *Pilea involucrata*

This is an easy-to-grow relative of both the Aluminum and Artillery plants. Although it looks quite different than either, it has the same cultural conditions.

\* **Coleus (Painted Nettle)** - *Coleus x hybridus*

Introductory Comments:

Ideal Cultural Conditions:

1. Light -

2. Water -

3. Temperature -

Other Considerations:

\* **Croton** - *Codiaeum variegatum pictum*

Introductory Comments:

Ideal Cultural Conditions:

1. Light -
2. Water -
3. Humidity -
4. Temperature -

Other Considerations:

\***Polka Dot Plant** - *Hypoestes phyllostacya*

Introductory Comments:

Ideal Cultural Conditions:

1. Light -
2. Water -
3. Temperature -

Other Considerations:

\***Impatiens** - *Impatiens wallerana*

Introductory Comments:

Ideal Cultural Conditions:

1. Light –
2. Water -
3. Temperature -

Other Considerations:

\* **New Guinea Impatiens** - *Impatiens x hawkeri*

Introductory Comments:

Ideal Cultural Conditions:

1. Light -
2. Water -
3. Temperature -

Other Considerations:

\* **Geranium** - *Pelargonium x hortorum*

Introductory Comments:

Ideal Cultural Conditions:

1. Light -
2. Water -
3. Temperature -

Other conditions:

\* **Scented Geranium** - *Pelargonium tomentosum*

**YOU SHOULD TOUCH AND SMELL THIS PLANT FOR THE SCENT OF “OIL OF CITRONELLA”.**

