



## Hardy Plants for Low Light

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- **Bromeliads (all kinds)**
  - There are both short, and tall varieties. Come in excellent colors; slow-growing, and flowers last for months
  - 65+ degrees, partial sun, keep soil dry, put water in cup
  - **Examples:** Aechmea fasciata, Neoregelia, Nidularium, Silver vase, Vriesea
- **Chinese Evergreens**
  - There is a wide range of color varieties. Slow-growing, can be kept bushy with pruning
  - 65+ degrees (no cooler), medium to low light, allow soil to dry down by 1/3rd
  - **Example:** Aglaonema spp
- **Cast Iron Plant**
  - This is a slow-growing grass that will grow in virtually no light
  - 55-70 degrees, medium to low light, let soil dry by 1/3
  - **Examples:** Aspidistra milky way, Aspidistra elatior
- **Prayer Plant**
  - This is a wonderful plant that will cascade over the edge of the planter; great color, slow-growing
  - 55+ degrees, medium to low light, 1/3 needs humidity
  - **Examples:** Calathea spp, or Maranta Prayer plant
- **Dracaena/Cane type Plants**
  - Many different types of dracaena's, a personal favorite is the **dragon series** that are slower-growing, and respond to pruning very well
  - Dracaena compacta: temperatures in the 60s, low light, allow soil to dry down by 1/3
  - Dracaena spp (Corn Plant, etc.): 60s, and no cooler, medium to low light, dry down by 1/3
  - Dracaena stump: Same as above, but cut short (is older, and may be more costly)
- **English Ivy**
  - Great plant, will cascade over the edge of its planter, can be kept compact with regular pruning
  - 40+ degrees, keep cool, low light, dry down by 1/3
  - **Examples:** Hedera spp, green or variegated
- **Philodendrons**
  - There are climbing, and non-climbing varieties; slow-growing, climbing would be best; can be cut back to encourage bushiness
  - Philodendron scandens (Heart leaf philodendron): 60+ degrees, medium to low light, dry down by 1/3



- Philodendron Congo (lemon or rojo): 55+ degrees (no cooler), low to high light, dry down by 1/3
- **Palms**
  - Can be a little more difficult, as they cannot be pruned, but many varieties are slow-growing
  - 40 to 60 degrees, keep cool; medium to low light, dry down by 1/3
  - **Examples:** Rhaps excels (Lady Palm), Chamaedorea elegans (Parlor Palm)
- **Snake Plant**
  - Great grass for low light, comes in a wide range of shapes and sizes
  - 50 degrees (no cooler); low to high light; keep on the dry side, especially under low light
  - **Examples:** Sansevieria hahnii (Bird's Nest sansevieria), Sansevieria spp (miniature snake plant)
- **Peace Lily**
  - Miniature varieties, an easygoing plant, needs a lot of water
  - 55+ degrees; medium to low light; keep moist
  - **Examples:** Spathiphyllum domino (variegated Peace Lily), Spathiphyllum petite (small leaf variety)
- **Zamiifolia Zamioalcous**
  - This plant is new to cultivation; excellent low light plant that will grow virtually anywhere; **do not over water**
  - 50+ degrees; low to high light; keep on the dry side
  - Zam Zam (or ZZ plant)-Eternity Plant
- **Ferns**
  - Cascading plants, can be hung or placed on a plant stand; a lot of new varieties to choose from
  - Nephrolepis spp (Boston Fern): Keep temperature in the 50s; low to high light, dry down by 1/3
  - Asplenium (Bird's Nest and Mother): Keep temperature in the 50s; low light, dry down by 1/3