

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	<i>Tillandsia juncea</i>
Family	Bromeliaceae
Origin	Southern USA to South America
Delivery size	Approximately 25–30 cm plant size · unmounted air plant
Growth and special feature	Epiphytic rosette with long narrow grey-green rush-like leaves

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Bright and filtered, without sudden hot sun.	Fine leaves need enough light.
Water	Regularly wet the entire rosette.	Individual sprays only on tips often do not suffice.
Drying	Drain and dry in circulating air.	Avoid constant moisture at the base.
Support	Open holder without potting compost.	The rush-like plant is an epiphytic bromeliad.
Fertiliser	Very weakly during growth following product instructions.	More salt does not mean more healthy growth.
Winter	Bright and frost-free, away from dry heated air.	Adapt water demand to conditions.
Leaves	Do not uniformly shorten living tips.	The natural slender form remains.
Propagation	Gently separate strong sufficiently large offsets.	Young rosettes first need reserves.

Knowledge that grows

Rush-like but botanically a bromeliad

The long very narrow leaves of *Tillandsia juncea* rise from a compact base and may curve slightly at the tips. Their grey-green tone and fine structure differ clearly from broad-leaved tillandsias. Despite the name, it is neither a rush nor a grass. As an epiphytic bromeliad, it needs no permanently wet soil. Its natural range extends through large parts of the Americas. The spelling *junceai* in the shop text is a deviation; this portrait and search use *juncea*.

Support the loose plant appropriately

The offer states approximately 25 to 30 cm plant size. It describes a loose tillandsia, not a planted bog pot. An open holder may loosely support the base while narrow leaves stand freely. On a bright table, the plant needs less footprint than a spreading broad-leaved plant but sufficient room above. Ensure a shelf does not constantly touch the tips. The fastening should be secure yet removable for watering. Do not sink the whole base into decorative sand or damp moss.

Bright light between fine leaves

Choose a bright position with filtered light and good air movement. Frequent spraying cannot compensate for a dark corner. After delivery, do not immediately place in hot direct sun behind glass. A sheltered outdoor place with gentle light and enough warmth may suit in summer. Bring indoors before cold nights. Keep bright and frost-free in winter. A bathroom only suits if enough light reaches the plant; high humidity with poor ventilation is no advantage. The thin leaves must be able to dry again after watering.

Supply the whole rosette

Thorough wetting with suitable soft water or brief complete soaking supplies leaf surfaces better than a single spray on the tips. Afterwards, gently drain and remove water from the base. A slightly tilted position helps runoff. The surface may dry between waterings, but the plant should not be left neglected to desiccate for a long time. Warmth and dry air increase checking needs. A fixed interval of several days is merely an initial guide and must match actual conditions.

An airy holder rather than a repotting routine

This air plant requires no ordinary repotting into more compost. Instead, check whether holder and support still suit its growth. Loosen tight bindings promptly. During growth, suitable tillandsia or bromeliad fertiliser may be supplied very weakly according to product instructions. Do not concentrate strongly or fertilise dry leaves. Do not cover pale absorbing scales with leaf shine. A clean open support that drains promptly makes daily care easier while keeping the slender silhouette visible.

Observe new rosettes and a possible flower spike

Strong plants may develop an inflorescence with coloured bracts and violet flowers. Flowering is not guaranteed for this delivery. After flowering, that rosette ages while offsets may continue the plant. Let them grow sufficiently before separation. Remove only completely dead material and do not trim living tips uniformly short merely for preferred shape. If the base softens or many leaves turn brown together, specifically check ventilation, water accumulation and position.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



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Good to know

Does rush air plant need a wet pot?

No. Despite its grass-like appearance, it is kept openly as an air plant without ordinary potting compost.

How large is the offered plant?

The shop states around 25 to 30 cm plant size. Decorative holders are included only if expressly stated.

Should I spray only leaf tips?

Water must reach the whole rosette. Then drain well and dry in circulating air.

Can I cut the leaves back like grass?

Living leaves should not be shortened indiscriminately. Gently remove dead parts only.

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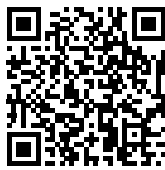
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