

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical identification	Scindapsus treubii 'Moonlight'
Family	Araceae
Origin	The species Scindapsus treubii originates in Malaysia, north-western Borneo and Java; Moonlight is a trade form
Delivery size	12 cm pot · approx. 15 cm overall height
Growth and distinctive feature	Slow-growing climber with thickish glossy silvery green 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.	Harsh direct sun can damage the silvery foliage.
Water	Allow the root ball to dry appreciably before watering again.	The slow-growing plant cannot tolerate constantly wet roots.
Drainage	Remove excess water completely after watering.	No permanent water residue should remain in the outer pot.
Substrate	Humus-rich, loose and structurally stable.	Roots need air between waterings.
Temperature	Evenly warm, without cold draughts.	The tropical species is not frost-hardy.
Fertiliser	Moderately during active growth according to product instructions.	Overfeeding does not make slow growth healthier.
Climbing shoots	Guide loosely along a support if needed.	Young shoots and nodes must not be constricted.
Checks	If leaves curl, check root ball moisture first.	Both dryness and damaged wet roots can cause problems.

Knowledge that grows

Milky silver on firm leaf surfaces

The leaves look silvery to milky green, with a darker edge and a recognisable midrib. Their surface is firm and glossy. This distinguishes the form from the nearly black foliage of Dark Form and the spotted silvery pattern of many *Scindapsus pictus*. The shop says *pictus* Trebie Moonlight. NC State and Costa Farms, however, list Moonlight under *Scindapsus treubii*; the original image also matches this trade form. This differing name remains documented. The silver is natural foliage ornament, not a reason to polish the surface with care products.

A low young plant rather than ready-made long vines

The shop offer specifies a 12 cm pot and approximately 15 cm overall height. The plant therefore begins as a low tuft of leaves. The scene shows this small scale; long metre-spanning vines are not part of the guaranteed delivery condition. Over time, shoots may grow along a surface, trail or use a suitable support. When choosing a position, consider both current size and later growth. An outer pot or the furnishings shown are included only when explicitly named in the current offer.

A bright position without hot direct sun

Filtered light and normal even indoor warmth support healthy new leaves. In a dark corner, Moonlight may initially look unchanged but does not automatically continue growing well there. Its relatively quiet growth is not a deficiency that must be fixed with ever more light or fertiliser. Harsh direct sunshine after transport or a shadier position can damage leaf surfaces. Avoid cold draughts and a chilling surface underneath. An open bright surface may suit it better than a cramped dark shelf corner.

Look deeper into the root ball before watering

The firmer leaves store moisture. Allow the root ball to dry appreciably before the next watering and do not check only the thin top layer of soil. NC State recommends more drying for *Scindapsus treubii* than for tropical plants kept constantly moist. Then water thoroughly and remove excess. In winter, intervals usually grow longer with lower consumption. Permanently wet soil encourages root problems. Strong curling or limp leaves still do not always mean thirst: a wet damaged root ball can cause similar symptoms.

Loose soil and patience with growth

Use a loose humus-rich mix with sufficient structure and a draining container. Move into a slightly larger pot only when needed. An oversized container with much unrooted wet soil does not speed up the slow climber. Fertilise moderately during active growth according to product instructions. Guide a new shoot loosely along a climbing support if needed, without squeezing nodes and leaf stalks. Remove dust carefully with a soft damp cloth. Support young leaves and do not try to intensify their silver markings by rubbing vigorously.

Cuttings, pests and a safe position

For vegetative propagation, a stem section needs a healthy node; a decorative single leaf alone is not a reliable new climbing plant. Rooting takes patience and suitable warmth. Check leaf undersides and shoot bases for mealybugs, aphids and spider mites. New dark soft spots at the base or roots call for checking watering. The plant is not suitable for eating. Irritating calcium oxalate crystals are especially relevant with nibbling children and pets. A high surface helps only if it also provides adequate light and a secure 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

Why does the shop say *Scindapsus pictus*?

The trade name differs. Specialist sources list Moonlight under *Scindapsus treubii*; that identification is compared with the original image and disclosed here.

Is it the same plant as Dark Form?

Both are assigned to *Scindapsus treubii* but are different trade forms: Moonlight is silvery, Dark Form very dark green.

Must the soil always remain moist?

No. Allow appreciable drying before the next watering, then remove excess water.

Why does it grow so slowly?

Moonlight grows comparatively quietly. Healthy leaves and roots matter; additional fertiliser does not replace suitable cultivation.

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