
ARABICA COFFEE PLANT

Arabica coffee plants are part of the Rubiaceae family. They are native to tropical Africa, particularly Ethiopia and was first discovered in Yemen around the 12th century. These plants are evergreen, showy flowering trees that produce white flowers and red berries, with an edible coffee seed or bean within. It is believed to be the first coffee variety to be cultivated and currently makes up about 60% of the world's coffee bean production. In modern cultivation they are also commonly sold as evergreen houseplants available on the market today.



Latin Name: Coffea Arabica

Type: Broadleaf evergreen tropical flowering houseplant

Hardiness: Zone 10-11, not frost hardy

Size: 6-15'

Exposure: Filtered sun to part shade

Growth Rate: Moderate

Growth Habit: Upright

Where should I plant my coffee plant?

Coffee plants benefit from fast draining soil rich in organic matter. They enjoy a bright, sunny window indoors and can begin to produce flowers and fruit within 3-4 years of growth. These plants require temperatures around 65-80 degrees. Some leaf drop may occur if temperatures should dip below 55 degrees.

How much water will my coffee plant need?

Coffee plants require moderate amounts of water. They do not like to dry out too much and prefer to stay evenly moist but not soggy. If the plant is too dry it will signal its stress by wilting leaves, which is a good indication that it is time to water again.

When should I fertilize my coffee plant?

Coffee plants enjoy fertilization during the growing season from Spring through Fall. A high-quality water-soluble fertilizer or a seasonally applied slow release fertilizer is beneficial for these plants. Fertilizing helps the plant to produce flowers, which smell like jasmine in the spring, and berries later on.

Are there any pests or diseases I should be aware of?

Coffee plants do not suffer from many pest or disease issues other than common houseplant ailments, which are rare such as mealy bugs, thrips, spider mites, and scale. All of these issues can be addressed with a houseplant systemic, neem oil, or insecticidal soap.