

## 1: Werner Rauh (Author of Bromeliads for Home, Garden, and Greenhouse)

*Bromeliads make great houseplants and are one of the blooming plants mentioned in the book I wrote about houseplant care.. They tolerate the dry air in homes and keep their color in average light levels.*

Bromeliads Greenhouses - House G In the bromeliad house the display of epiphytic bromeliads may almost make you feel like looking into the canopy of a neotropical forest. The most sunny corner of the glasshouse is occupied by Bromeliaceae of more arid regions. The family of the Bromeliaceae has about 50 genera and more than species according to estimates made in Many of them have been described only in recent times. In the tropics, bromeliads occur from the lowland to over m in the Andes and they are found in diverse habitats including tropical rainforests, fog and cloud forests, pine and oak forest of Mexico, savanna and dry forest areas, the coastal deserts of Peru, and the high Andean valleys. Bromeliads are perennial plants, often forming rosettes with or without elongated trunk. The majority lives without contact to the soil as epiphytes on trees and shrubs, some also on rocks. Many bromeliads are tank epiphytes. They collect and take up water and nutrients in a dense rosette formed by the leaves. The only function of their roots is to grab hold on the branches and tree trunks they live on. The largest tank epiphytes can be found in the genera *Alcantarea* and *Vriesea*. The tanks hold up to 15 liters of water. In cultivation, large species like *Alcantarea imperialis* take about years from seed or offsets to flower. Other bromeliads root in the soil, like *Pitcairnia* species with grass-like leaves. More or less succulent plants like *Hechtia*, *Dyckia* and *Puya* occur in arid areas. They take up water through their roots. The only crop plant of world wide importance is *Ananas comosus*, the pineapple. The largest genus of the family is *Tillandsia*. Some species commonly growing as epiphytes on tree branches and on candelabriform cacti are even capable to live on telephone wires, clear evidence that these plants cannot be classified as parasites. The long beards of the "Spanish moss" or "Louisiana moss", *Tillandsia usneoides*, form practically no roots and take up moisture through the scaly hairs on the surface of the leaves. It seems strange that this plant of the habit of a lichen belongs to the same family as the pineapple plant *Ananas comosus*. Our larger "beards" of *Tillandsia usneoides* are already more than 30 years old. Bromeliads occurring naturally as epiphytes on cacti are shown here on a candelabriform cactus *Cereus* and on leaf-bearing trees of *Pereskia* from the Caribbean. *Tillandsia* species from the coastal fog desert of Peru and some *Dyckia* species and other genera from the dry forest areas of Brazil are shown on the dry side of the bromeliad house. About species from 40 genera are represented in this glasshouse. Some other plants often growing together with bromeliads can be found here as well, particularly some epiphytic *Cactaceae* *Rhipsalis* , and some epiphytic ant plants. An interesting simulator of bromeliads is the tank epiphyte *Cochlostema odoratissimum* of the family *Commelinaceae*. Fog oasis - *Tillandsia* spp.

### 2: I Have Somethings To Show You: A Bromeliad Greenhouse - |

*Bromeliads For Home, Garden and Greenhouse [Werner Rauh, Peter Temple, Harvey L. Kendall, Herbert Lehmann, Julien Marnier-Lapostolle, Richard Oeser] on [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com) \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers.*

A significant number of bromeliad species come from the understory of tropical rain forests. These native habitats shape how the plants perform in various conditions. Knowing what native habitat your bromeliad species is adapted to can help you choose the perfect location to grow the plant, whether indoors or out. Ideally, bromeliads would be grown in a greenhouse that is kept between 70 and 80 degrees. The greenhouse would have plenty of humidity as well as excellent air circulation. It would provide bright, yet indirect light. While a greenhouse is available to some bromeliad enthusiasts, owning one is not the reality for most bromeliad growers who want to enjoy a plant in their home or office space. Fortunately, many bromeliads will thrive in less than perfect conditions. Locations in the home Bathrooms are excellent spaces for many bromeliad species. Bathrooms have naturally higher humidity than the rest of the house or office building. However, one challenge to bathrooms is that there is often very little natural light available. If there are no windows in your bathroom, make sure the plant is exposed to a florescent light that is on all the time or mount a grow light near the plant that will stay on even when the rest of the lights are off. Many *Cryptanthus*, a terrestrial bromeliad often found on forest floors, will thrive in low light. Several species found in the genera *Aechmea* and *Vriesea* will also tolerate low light conditions. Kitchens also have higher humidity than other spaces in the home. An advantage that kitchens have over bathrooms is that they have more light available. Most bromeliads will thrive on a table or countertop a few feet away from a window. Do not place your bromeliad directly in a south facing window. The leaves are likely to scorch with too much direct sunlight. There are some bromeliads that will grow well in drier conditions. Species in the *Dyckia* and *Hechtia* genera are adapted to bright, arid climates such as the deserts in Texas and Mexico. With these bromeliads you do not have to worry about humidity. However, they will do the best when exposed to plenty of direct sunlight. You can safely place these bromeliads in a south facing window. Be careful with these bromeliads because most species have very sharp spines that surround the leaf margins. Place them out of reach of small children or inquisitive pets. If you have a bright spot, with plenty of indirect light, but low humidity, you can try raising the humidity a bit just around the plant. Place a waterproof tray filled with small pebbles or river rocks directly beneath the plant. Fill the tray with a few inches of water. Set the plant container on top of the tray, but do not let it sit directly in the water. If it sits in the water it will soak it up into the soil and cause root rot. The water in the tray will evaporate slowly and raise the humidity slightly around the plant. Remember that you will have to refill the tray with water occasionally. Many bromeliads are epiphytes and can be mounted and hung as well as planted in a container. *Tillandsias* are especially well known as air plants and can make beautiful mounts. They can even be grown attached to suction cups that can be hung in a window. They are also very pretty in small glass orbs that can be hung from window frames. Most of the species in this genera also like indirect light so do not place them in an especially bright window or they will dry out quickly. Mist these plants regularly because they take in water through scales on their leaves rather than with roots. Outdoors Bromeliads can also be grown outdoors. They will thrive all year in tropical climates, but can also be placed outdoors in containers during the summer in more extreme climates. Bromeliads in containers will do well on shaded patios or under trees with broad canopies that allow dappled light through. If your bromeliad will be in the sun during the day, try to have it in the less intense morning or evening light. Direct hot afternoon sun will scorch the leaves. Be aware that containers will also dry out faster outdoors. When the potting medium is dry a few inches down, thoroughly soak the pot and allow it to drain well. As soon as frost threatens, bring your container to a sheltered location. A garage should be warm enough until colder temperatures set in. Then you will need to move the container indoors. *Dyckia*, *Puya* and many species of *Vriesea* are cold hardy down to about 20 degrees. They may experience some damage on their leaves, but they should recover when temperatures warm up. Colorful *Neoregelias* make attractive ground cover. Bromeliads are also wonderful as landscaping plants in tropical climates. Some of the larger varieties make excellent focal pieces, while smaller,

lower growing varieties are attractive ground covers. Species found in the Neoregelia, Aechmea, and Canistropsis genera make great ground covers and thrive in shade, under trees. They will often grow where grass will not. Bromeliads produce pups or offshoots. Overtime these plants will create thick mats of beautiful ground cover. Dyckia, Hectia, Protea, and Hohenbergia are all genera that have some species that will tolerate full sun. If you have very little shade available in your yard, use a species that will not scorch when exposed to bright, direct light. These varieties can be used in unprotected south facing locations. **Warning Signs** Many bromeliads will survive in a broad range of light conditions from low light to full sun. Even though bromeliads will continue to live and grow they will not look their best unless they are given the light that they are adapted to in their natural environments. Bromeliads can have incredible variegation and color. These characteristics will diminish if given too much or too little light. If a bromeliad receives too much light, it will become bleached out. Any coloring will become light green. If there is not enough light, the bromeliad will become a dark green color and any variegation will become less pronounced. Bromeliad foliage will also become thin and leggy when it is not getting enough light. Brown dry spots on the leaves or tips of the leaves indicate that the bromeliad is being scorched by too much bright, direct light. When your bromeliad experiences any of these problems choose a new location for your plant. The plant should recover and show off its beautiful characteristics once it is exposed to the right amount of light. **Tips To Keep In Mind** When choosing the perfect spot for you new bromeliad plant or when designing your landscape that includes bromeliads keep these key factors in mind. Most bromeliads thrive in bright, indirect sunlight or dappled shade. Many bromeliads will scorch when exposed for long periods of time to direct sunlight. Most bromeliads require more humidity than is typical in a climate controlled environment. Many bromeliads can be mounted and hung as an alternative to growing in a container. Bromeliads are easy to care for when given the proper growing environments. They do not require much water, fertilizer or other maintenance. Knowing what type of environment your variety of bromeliad prefers will help you find the best location for your plant. Where is your favorite spot to display your bromeliads?

## 3: Bromeliaceae - Garden & Greenhouse

*Bromeliads For Home, Garden and Greenhouse (English and German Edition) by Werner Rauh and a great selection of similar Used, New and Collectible Books available now at [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)*

Monday, December 26, Bromeliads in the Garden There is nothing better than bromeliads to give a garden that tropical look. Bromeliads are a very unique plant with a look no other plant can match. Growing mainly in the New World tropics and subtropics, bromeliads have a history that date back about years ago! Most everyone knows at least one bromeliad Once established the pineapple bromeliad usually takes about months for it to bear a pineapple fruit, though it will be worth the wait! Believe it or not the Spanish Moss you see hanging in the oak trees is a bromeliad too. The ones that grow on the forest floor get their nutrients through their roots. Here are bromeliads in their native environment high up in the trees. For the most part, bromeliads are pretty easy to grow with relatively no special care. As long as they have the right conditions to grow, bromeliads can be planted in landscapes, used as container plants, floral arrangements, in terrariums and some species can even be used as indoor plants. When I first renovated my yard I included bromeliads all throughout the landscape. My best friend suggested bromeliads, hence my first bromeliad garden. Thank goodness I brought our company van because I got a little carried away in my purchasing, lol. The bromeliads I bought this trip were: With my bromeliads in hand we set forth on creating a bromeliad garden. Here are some pictures of how it turned out. This is how it looked when we first finished it in This is how it looked in , wow it really filled out nicely! Totara Waters subtropical gardens located in New Zealand, amazing! Totara Waters subtropical gardens in New Zealand Would love to have one in our backyard! Really beautiful yet simple water feature at the entrance of the Whitehall club house in Davie. It is a pondless feature that recirculates the water into the ground rock then back up through the waterfall. Perfect low maintenance water feature than can be made to fit any space. The bromeliads really make it colorful! Two eye-catching bromeliads in our backyard with a birdsnest fern in the middle. You can see the one of the right has a new "pup" new plant growing next to it. These are slow growers. A close up of one of the watermelon starburst bromeliads next to the birdsnest fern. These beauties on the other side of the walkway are very fast growing clumping variety. Very cool paisley pattern with coleus! Bromeliads are in the foreground and background perimeter. Wish I had one! Believe it or not this is a bromeliad nursery, so simple yet so stunning! Another Florida wish list landscape, how absolutely spectacular!

## 4: Gardening South Florida Style: Bromeliads in the Garden

*Most bromeliads are easy to grow indoors or in the greenhouse. They have attractive forms and leaf colors, many with flowers that can last for months. There are many interesting species of bromeliads.*

## 5: Bromeliads - Gallery | Garden Design

*Bromeliads For Home Garden And Greenhouse Ebook Pdf Download hosted by Emily Edwards on October 26 It is a ebook of Bromeliads For Home Garden And Greenhouse that visitor can be got this by your self on [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)*

## 6: Bromeliads A Round Up Of Our Care Posts - |

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## 7: Bromeliads are a Great Plant for Your Greenhouse - Garden & Greenhouse

*Bromeliads that do not require soil should be misted or soaked under water ( minutes) every other day. Growing Guidelines: These grow best in clay pots and an epiphytic wood chip mix (orchid mix).*

### 8: The Best Locations to Grow Bromeliads - [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

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### 9: Bromeliads | BGBM

*For a long time, bromeliads were considered advanced or expert houseplants, more fit for a greenhouse than a normal home, but bromeliads are finally beginning to attract the attention they deserve. The truth is, that bromeliads can be easily adapted to regular home conditions. This is good news for.*

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