

Starting Plants and Companion Plants

Plant Name	Environment	Soil Requirements	Soil PH	Light Requirements	Spacing (for nursery)	Suggested Companions	Notes
Spineless Prickly Pear	Desert	Nitrogen Rich, Well Drained	6.0- 7.5	Full Sun (6+ hours)	1 foot radius	Pine Muhly, Sotol	
Bromeliad	Desert/Arboreal/Tropical	Low Nitrogen, Fast Draining	5.0-6.0	Low to Bright, Indirect	1 foot radius	Palm Trees	Check Species before purchasing
Cryptanthus	Desert	Low Nitrogen, Fast Draining	4.0-6.0	Bright Indirect	1 foot radius	Palm Trees	Check Species before purchasing
Aloe	Desert	Sandy, Loamy	4.0-6.5	Full Sun (6+ hours)	1 foot radius	Pine Muhly, Sotol	Check Species before purchasing Aloe Vera is toxic to pets
Gasteria	Desert	Sandy, Well Drained	4.0-7.0	Full Sun (6+ hours)	1 foot radius	Pine Muhly, Sotol	
Ficus	Arboreal/Tropical	Moist, Well Drained	4.0-6.0	Partial Sun	1 foot radius	Palm Trees, Calathea	Requires pruning to remain small
Philodendron	Arboreal/Tropical	Well Drained, Moist, Loamy	4.0-6.0	Partial Sun	1 foot radius	Calathea, Alocasia Dragon Scale	Requires pruning to remain small Melanochrysum Only, All other varieties are toxic to pets
Peperomia	Arboreal/Tropical	Moist, Well Drained	4.0-7.0	Full or Partial Sun	1 foot radius	African Violet, Pothos	
Ferns	Arboreal/Tropical	Moist, Well Drained	5.5-6.5	Full or Partial Sun	1 foot radius	Canna, New Zealand Flax, Pothos	
Pothos	Arboreal/Tropical	Moist, Well Drained	5.5-6.5	Partial Sun	1 foot radius	Fern, Peperomia	
Lettuce	Nursery (could be arboreal)	Well Drained, Nitrogen Rich, Loamy,	6.0-7.0	Full or Partial Sun	1 foot radius	Carrots, Radish	
Cabbage	Nursery (could be arboreal)	Well Drained, Nitrogen Rich, Loamy,	4.0-7.0	Full Sun (6+ hours)	2 foot radius	Spinach, Mint	
Tomato	Nursery (could be arboreal)	Well Drained, Nitrogen Rich, Loamy,	6.0-6.8	Full Sun (6+ hours)	2 foot radius	Carrot, Bell Pepper	

- Plant Name column is the base plant. This should be the dominant plant in the enclosure.
- The “Suggested Companions” column are companion plants to plant alongside of the base plants.

**These plants are just suggestions and as always do your research before purchasing any plants. Be sure to check if the plant you are purchasing is toxic before placing it in your critter's enclosure. The above plants have been researched and are safe to place in your critter's home. Some varieties of the plants are toxic so be sure to check the full name of each plant before purchasing.*