

Ceropegia sandersonii (SuCa07)

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€ 30.68

Ceropegia sandersonii is a climbing or hanging plant that produces fly-trapping flowers all year round. It is often known as the parachute or umbrella plant because of the unusual shape of its flowers. Ceropegia sandersonii is fairly straightforward to care for and suitable for placement on a windowsill or in a dry terrarium.



Plant type:



foliage plant

Place:



indoor

Adult width:



40 cm

Light:



full light

Watering:



normal

Araflora info



limited

Product info

In the wild, Ceropegia sandersonii is found in South Africa and Swaziland and the coastal regions of Mozambique where it inhabits tropical and subtropical regions. This Ceropegia has thick, fleshy leaves but it is the plant's underground storage organs that ensure its survival in periods of drought. In the wet season Ceropegia sandersonii develops mottled green and white flowers with a hint of lime fragrance that attracts flies looking for a place to lay their eggs. When a fly crawls into the flower, an oily substance ensures it slides down the corolla tube and becomes trapped. Small hairs pointing downwards prevent it from escaping. The flowers contain nectar and cells permeable to sunlight, fooling the fly into thinking there is an exit towards the light. When the fly starts to consume the plant's nectar it becomes covered in pollen. After a couple of days the flower changes position and the small hairs point in the opposite direction allowing the fly to escape. It can then start pollinating other flowers.

Height:

10 cm



Width:

5 cm



Adult height:

100 cm



Adult width:

40 cm



Flower period:

all year



Temperature winter:

5 °C



Product:

plant



Plant type:

foliage plant



Growth habit:

climbing



Properties:

special



Growth rate:

normal



Araflora info:
limited



Natural habitat:
South America



Altitude range:
0-1000 m



Plantcare

Ceropegia sandersonii is fairly straightforward to care for. With sufficient amounts of water and light it will grow and bloom all year round. Ceropegia sandersonii can tolerate dry air and thrives at room temperature. It can handle fluctuations in temperature but never lower than 12 degrees Celsius. The flowers normally develop on young shoots. It is therefore advisable to prune Ceropegia sandersonii in order to produce the maximum number of blooms. New shoots can be left to trail in a hanging basket or trained on a stake or trellis. Flowers take about three weeks to develop. Keep the soil moist and place the plant in bright light but not in direct sunlight. Do not water excessively and feed sparingly. Ceropegia sandersonii is not unduly susceptible to pests or diseases.

Care:
easy



Place:
indoor



Place:
container plant



Light:
full light



Light:
semi sun



Fertilize:
medium



Maintenance:
can be pruned



Watering:
normal



Watering tips:
not standing in water



Air humidity at day:
60-90%



Air humidity at night:
70-90%



Air movement:
normal



Temperature max:
35 °C



Temperature min:
5 °C



Soil type:
mixed



Repotting:
after 1 year

