

INDOOR PLANTS IN LOW LIGHT

Most New York City homes and apartments suffer from low light conditions. Buildings may obstruct windows, or rooms may have no windows at all. Plants will not grow unless they have light; however, some indoor plants can tolerate dim light conditions. We call these plants low-light plants.



Pittosporum

What are low light conditions? Areas that are 8 to 10 feet away from a window, at the center of a room, on an inside wall, or a hallway all receive less than 10 percent of direct light. Don't be fooled by windows. A window could receive low light if it is blocked by curtains, outdoor trees and shrubs, or other buildings.

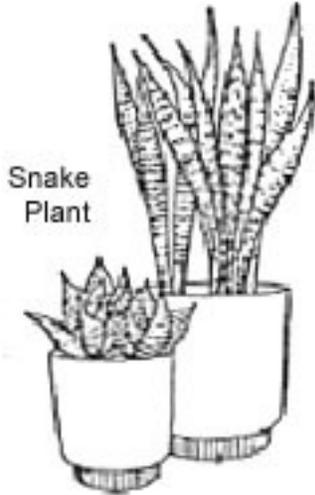
The following is a list of low-light plants recommended in Cornell University's Information Bulletin "The Selection, Care, and Use of Plants in the Home".



Kangaroo Vine

Aglaonema modestum - Chines Evergreen	Draceana sanderana - Ribbon Plant
Aspidistra elatior - Cast Iron Plant	Fittonia verchaffeltii - Mosaic Plant
Asplenium nidus - Bird's-Nest Fern	Howea forsterana - Sentry Palm
Aucubajaponica 'Variegata' - Gold Dust Tree	Pandanus veitchii - Screw Pine
Ceropegia woodii - Rosary Vine	Peperomia obtusifolia - Baby Rubber Plant
Chameaedorea elegans - Parlor Palm	Philodendron cordatum - Heartleaf Philodendron
Cissus Antarctica - Kangaroo Vine	Pittosporum tobira - Pittosporum
Cissus rhombifolia - Grape Ivy	Plectranthus nummularius - Swedish Ivy
Cyrtomium falcatum - Holly Fern	Podocarpus macrophyllus var. maki - Sea Teak
Davallia fejeensis - Rabbits-Foot Fern	Polypodium aureum - Hare's-Foot Fern
Dieffenbachia amoena - Dumb Cane	Pteris cretica - Table Fern
Dieffenbachia maculata - Spotted Dumb Cane	Sansevieria trifasciat - Snake Plant
Dracaena marginata - Red - Margined Dracaena	Sansevieria rrifasciata 'Hahnii' Bitd's-Nest Snake Plant
Dracaena deremensis 'Warneckii' - Striped Dracaena	Spathiphyllum floribundum-Snoflower or peace lily
Dracaena frafrans ' Massageana' - Corn Plant	Syngonium podophyllum - Arrowhead Vine

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Be aware of how much light is available in different areas of your home or apartment as the day progresses. If you cannot tell by just glancing, hold a piece of white paper in the area to see how much light bounces off it. Better yet, use a hand light meter or the light meter in your camera to compare light intensity in different areas. You may need a strategy of shifting plants from areas of higher light to areas of lower light and back so that they all get a chance to be in the best source available, without disrupting your decorative scheme.



Bird's Nest Fern



Snowflower



Corn Plant