

Pachira aquatica Money Tree

The Chinese believe this tree is balanced in nature with the five braids and leaves signifying the five elements of life. Water thoroughly than dry between watering, Prefers a bright room but any room lighting will work. Earth, Fire, Wood, Water, Metal. It is believed that if you balance your life good fortune and wealth will come to you.

A tree reaching 60 feet (20m) tall in the tropics, but usually grown in the house as braided seedlings. The tree indoors will stay small. The trunks are fat for their height, and have hand-shaped leaves which are often reddish-brown when they first open. The origins are the Orient Suitable for the home or a greenhouse.

Temperature: 60-85°F, 16-29°C with medium humidity A GOOD general purpose potting soil (a soil that retains water yet drains well) with a little added sand. Feed every two weeks, if you want it to grow faster, during the spring and summer with a water soluble fertilizer diluted by half.

No known plant pest. Will stand wet soil, but should not actually stand in water for long.

If grown in a pot without a hole, water thoroughly, if any water sits on top of the pot drain it off by tipping the pot over. Wait a week check for moisture by performing the finger test. Push your finger about an inch down under the soil and feel for moisture. If it is still moist don't water and wait another two days and check again. If it is dry than repeat the watering.