



SPECIES	Aechmea gamosepala
COMMON NAME	Match Stick Plant, Gamos Bromeliad
ORIGIN	Brazil, Venezuela
DESIGN USE	Ornamental plant, xeriscaping, growing in containers, home and greenhouse



HEIGHT
15-30 cm

SPREAD
7-15 cm

HABIT
Tropics and tender perennials

FORM
Open vase shape

FLOWERS
Flowers are pink /light blue tips blooms almost 6 months out of a year. The flat-topped inflorescence has reddish-purple bracts and purple petals and red sepals. The flowers look like pink match-sticks with bright blue heads.

FLOWERING PERIOD
Mid winter

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES
Does best in bright indirect sunlight coming from the South/East/West. Keep the soil evenly moist at all times and use warm water. Mist with warm water in the summer months and never let this plant dry out.

HORTICULTURE
Offsets with roots attached in the summer. Feed monthly spring through fall with a water soluble fertilizer. This can also be absorbed through the leaves, so it may be applied when misting.

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