

Spathiphyllum x 'Wallisii' Dwarf Peace Lily¹

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Introduction

Dwarf peace lily is a 12- to 15-inch-tall plant that is upright in form (Fig. 1). The shiny, dark green leaves of the dwarf peace lily give this plant its charm. These 10-inch-long, arching leaves have puckered veins that impart a rippled or puckered effect. Small, chalk white flowers are packed on a spadix borne in front of an attractive white spathe. These flowers occur in the spring and are followed by mostly inconspicuous, berry-like fruits.



Figure 1. Dwarf peace lily

General Information

Scientific name: *Spathiphyllum x 'Wallisii'*

Pronunciation: spath-iff-FILL-lum

Common name(s): dwarf peace lily

Family: *Araceae*

Plant type: herbaceous

USDA hardiness zones: 10B through 11 (Fig. 2)

Planting month for zone 10 and 11: year round

Origin: not native to North America

Uses: mass planting; container or above-ground planter; suitable for growing indoors

Availability: generally available in many areas within its hardiness range



Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

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Description

Height: 1 to 1.5 feet

Spread: 1 to 1.5 feet

Plant habit: round; upright

Plant density: moderate

Growth rate: slow

Texture: medium

Foliage

Leaf arrangement: alternate

Leaf type: simple

Leaf margin: undulate

Leaf shape: ovate

Leaf venation: pinnate

Leaf type and persistence: evergreen

Leaf blade length: 12 to 18 inches

Leaf color: green

Fall color: no fall color change

Fall characteristic: not showy

Flower

Flower color: white

Flower characteristic: flowers periodically throughout the year

Fruit

Fruit shape: round

Fruit length: less than .5 inch

Fruit cover: fleshy

Fruit color: white

Fruit characteristic: showy

Trunk and Branches

Trunk/bark/branches: not applicable

Current year stem/twig color: not applicable

Current year stem/twig thickness: not applicable

Culture

Light requirement: plant grows in the shade

Soil tolerances: sand; acidic; loam

Drought tolerance: unknown

Soil salt tolerances: poor

Plant spacing: 18 to 24 inches

Other

Roots: not applicable

Winter interest: no special winter interest

Outstanding plant: plant has outstanding ornamental features and could be planted more

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: long-term health usually not affected by pests

Use and Management

This plant can be used as a ground cover in completely shady areas of the landscape, or more commonly inside malls and other commercial buildings. It makes a nice, low-maintenance houseplant. It is also an attractive facer plant for taller shrubs and can be used around indoor pools. Use this plant in a partially or fully shaded location in the landscape. The dwarf peace lily prefers rich, well-drained soils that are relatively acidic. It has no salt tolerance and favors warm temperatures. Fertilize this plant regularly during the growing season to maintain a dark green foliage color.

Pests and Diseases

Mites, scales, and mealy bugs may be occasional problems.