

PLSC 210-Horticulture Science  
**Plant of the Week**



**Common Name:** **ZZ Plant, or Aroid Palm**

**Scientific Name:** *Zamioculcas zamiifolia*

**Family:** **Araceae**

***Note*** Native to eastern Africa (Tanzania), the ZZ plant grows to 2-3 ft tall and 3 ft wide in nature. The plant has glossy, dark-green foliage and underground rhizomes. It produces a short, yellow-brown flower (spadix) at the base which is not showy. Plants are tolerant to low light and moisture stress and have little or no disease or insect problem. Seed as well as leaf-petiole sections are used for propagation. Introduced as a house plant in recent years, the zz plant is easy to maintain under a wide range of environmental conditions.

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