

## **Devil's-Backbone**

Also called Pedilanthus, Redbird Flower, or Japanese Poinsettia  
(*Pedilanthus tithymaloides*)

With zigzag stems and pointed leaves, devil's-backbone makes an ideal vertical accent plant. Its leaves often drop during the fall, and the plant occasionally bears red bird-like flowers.

### **Light**

Expose to high light (southern exposure). Grows well if under artificial light 14 hours per day. Leaves lose color in low light.

### **Water**

Keep evenly moist. Leaves drop if soil dries out. Reduce watering in fall and early winter. Mist as often as possible.

### **Temperature**

Maintain temperatures of 55 to 80 degrees.

### **Comments**

Prune to control size and legginess. When pruning, wear rubber gloves to prevent irritation from sap. Feed every 14 days. Propagate by division, or by cuttings rooted in water or moist rooting medium.