

# Discover the Flora of Our Campus

## Anthurium (*Anthurium*)

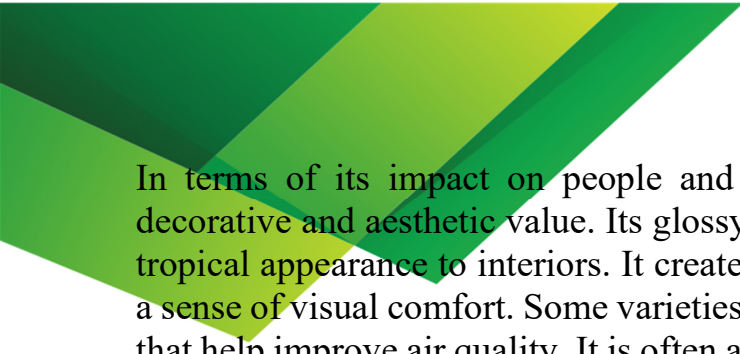
Anthurium, popularly known as “male happiness,” is a tropical ornamental houseplant distinguished by its glossy, heart-shaped blooms. Its most eye-catching feature is not actually the flower itself, but the brightly colored, wax-like leaf called a “spathe.” These spathes are mainly found in red, pink, white, green, and sometimes purple shades. In the center is a long, cylindrical structure called the “spadix.” Its leaves are large, dark green, leathery, glossy, and heart- or arrow-shaped.



This plant is native to the tropical rainforests of Central and South America, especially in regions of Colombia and Ecuador, where it grows naturally. In nature, it develops as an epiphyte under the shade of trees in warm and humid environments. Today, it is one of the most popular indoor decorative plants in the world and is especially loved in interior design. It is also widely used in homes and offices in Azerbaijan.

Anthurium prefers indirect light and high humidity. Direct sunlight can cause leaf burn and color fading. The soil should be light, well-aerated, and able to

retain moisture, although excessive watering may lead to root rot. It grows best in warm conditions and is sensitive to cold temperatures. When humidity is high, it produces brighter and longer-lasting flowers. With proper care, it is one of the rare indoor plants that can bloom throughout the year.



In terms of its impact on people and the environment, Anthurium mainly has decorative and aesthetic value. Its glossy, heart-shaped flowers add a luxurious and tropical appearance to interiors. It creates a green atmosphere indoors and provides a sense of visual comfort. Some varieties are also considered among the houseplants that help improve air quality. It is often associated with feelings of love, energy, and positivity.

Its main areas of use are interior decoration and floral design. It is widely used as a decorative plant in homes, offices, hotels, and restaurants. As a cut flower, it is also very popular in bouquets and event decorations because it remains fresh for a long time. Both small and large varieties are available for tabletops and living spaces. In modern interior design, it is frequently chosen as a “focal plant.”

Interestingly, the Anthurium flower actually consists of the wax-like spathe and spadix structure, which makes it different from many other plants. In tropical forests, it can naturally attach itself to trees and live an epiphytic lifestyle. Because its blooms stay fresh for a very long time, it is also known as a “long-lasting flower.” Today, it is regarded as one of the most iconic and popular ornamental houseplants in the world.

