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**Botanical Name:** *Calathea rufibarba* E. Fenzl

**Family:** Marantaceae

**Common Name:** Furry feather or velvet calathea,

**Origin:** Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

**General Characters:**

- Plants usually have underground rhizomes or tubers
- This tropical houseplant has soft, velvety, wavy leaves that can grow up to a foot long. The leaves are deep green on top and have a burgundy
- This plant needs consistently moist soil, but it shouldn't sit in water.
- This plant needs high humidity levels.
- *Calathea rufibarba* is often used as an indoor ornamental plant to add a touch of the tropics to homes and offices. It's also known for its air-purifying qualities.
- This plant is non-toxic and safe for indoor settings

