

TELANTHERA Caresheet

(Telanthera Rosefolia Alternanthera Reineckii)

Plant difficulty: EASY – *Telanthera* are the perfect aquarium plants for beginners

Telanthera aquarium plant description

The aquarium plant *Telanthera* is a genus of freshwater aquatic plants, classed in the Amaranthaceae. ***Telanthera plants are native to*** the freshwater rivers, streams, and creeks of South America. PetWave has *Telanthera Rosefolia* (*Alternanthera Reineckii*) [bunches](#) for sale, and *Telanthera Rosefolia* [tissue culture tubs](#) for sale.

Telanthera aquarium plants are sturdy, hardy, and very easy to grow. The wavy leaves of *Telanthera Alternanthera Reineckii* aquarium plants add a splash of red and purple colour to your aquascape. Bare root *Telanthera* plants stand out among green aquarium plants as a centrepiece placed in the mid-ground of the tank. *Telanthera Rosefolia* tissue culture grows as a vibrant carpeting aquarium plant on the floor of your aquarium tank in the foreground or background. As an aquatic plant, *Alternanthera Reineckii Rosefolia Telanthera* must remain completely submerged in aquarium water.



Where is *Telanthera* banned in Australia?

Due to government environmental restrictions, PetWave **cannot** send live *Telanthera* to **Western Australia**. You can still add a centre plant to your aquarium tank with [Telanthera silk artificial plant](#).

Benefits of *Telanthera* aquarium plants

Telanthera aquarium plants are amazing live aquarium plants for freshwater aquariums that help provide a habitat and breathable air for [tropical fish](#). These *Alternanthera Reineckii* aquarium plants also help aerate your tank with oxygen, leading to happy healthy fish and overall high water quality. Find out even more secret [benefits of live aquarium plants](#) vs artificial aquarium plants.

Temperature	20 – 30°C
Light	Medium / High
Ph range	6.0 – 8.0
Growth speed	Medium / fast

Alternanthera Reineckii Telanthera care

To boost the nutrients and benefits of having an *Telanthera* aquarium plant, a liquid aquarium plant fertiliser should be used at least every two weeks.

Regular aquarium water [pH tests](#), and appropriate pH control [water treatment](#), are recommended to maintain the pH level between 6.0 – 8.0, particularly when setting up a new aquarium.

While the temperature range for is broad for *Telanthera Alternanthera*, a glass aquarium [thermometer](#) will help monitor the temperature of your planted aquarium. In winter, an [aquarium water heater](#) is recommended.

How to dispose of *Telanthera Rosefolia* aquarium plants

Introduced aquarium plants can cause [significant damage to Australia's natural ecosystem](#). Never dispose of aquarium plants where they could be washed into natural waterways or drains.

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How to plant Telanthera

Does Telanthera Alternanthera Reineckii need substrate?

It is important to provide a 7-8cm layer of substrate at the bottom of your aquarium tank to protect your Telanthera plants roots. Substrate is any form of loose material that an aquarium plants roots can grow in. Telanthera aquarium plants can grow in a variety of substrate such as, [pebbles](#), rocks, [gravel](#), [sand](#), or aquarium soil. Find out more information on aquascaping in our [how to set up a planted aquarium guide](#).

At PetWave we have Telanthera Rosefolia (Alternanthera Reineckii) live aquarium plants for sale in [bunches](#), or in a [tissue culture tub](#).

How to plant Telanthera bunches in substrate



Create a small hole in your chosen aquarium substrate. Place the Telanthera bunch in, and bury only the bottom of the plant. Bury your plant roughly 1-2inches deep. This will ensure your aquarium plants does not uproot and float.

How to plant Telanthera Rosefolia tissue culture

1. Remove the Telanthera Rosefolia tissue culture plant from its tub
2. Rinse the plant of agar jelly
3. Split the plant into six or eight sections
4. Carefully slightly dig the bottom of the section of plant into your chosen aquarium substrate one inch apart
5. Ensure the Telanthera sections are planted deep enough not to up root and float



Pruning Telanthera

Prune the tips of the stems of Telanthera plants to keep the plant neat, tidy, healthy, and promote new growth. Telanthera should be given a couple of weeks to root in their substrate and settle before trimming.

Telanthera propagation

You can propagate your Telanthera aquatic plant bunches by cutting off a piece of piece of stem and replanting the cutting in aquarium substrate. The replanted cut off will root and grow a new Telanthera plant. **Helpful hint:** Use stems that already have roots to encourage fast growth of the propagated plant.

[Aquarium tongs](#) are a helpful tool when planting, handling, trimming, and replanting Telanthera aquarium plants without putting your hands and arms in the tank.