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HELP! My Air Plant is Dying...

Ever feel like pulling your hair out because NOTHING you do is working and your **Tillandsia** is dying anyway? I have. One species in particular, **Velutina** is my nemesis. I have tried different locations, different watering schedules, daily administrations and ignoring it. I cannot keep Velutina in stock.

So what is my advice? First line of treatment would be to soak the leaves, not the stem itself, by placing it upside down in a bucket with vitamin b restorative added to the water. Leave it for the day, then place it in bright light and leave it alone. If it's above 50 degrees and below 90 degrees, place it outside in mottled sunlight. This can be accomplished by placing in a tree, around (or under) other plants, hanging near a window on a screen porch, etc. Then only mist it well from then on until it starts to grow new growth or perks up. Once a plant starts to die, less hands on is always better.

If that doesn't work then make note of the type of plant it is and order the opposite type from then on. For instance, if the brachy's (thin leaf) aren't growing well in your area, order the thick leaf air plants like **Streptocarpa Mini X** or **Recurifolia** or vice versa. Also if you're bad about your watering schedule, always opt for the thicker leaves, silvery plants. These plants do much better with less water.

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