



## ***Scindapsus aureus*, or *Epipremnum aureum* (Money Plant): An amazing air purifier**

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Trees and plants provide shelter, food, pure air, and many other useful benefits to humans. Many indoor plants are believed to bring prosperity and good luck, including basil, jasmine, lemon, sage, lavender, roses, orchids, and rosemary. Researchers studied houseplants as a way to purify the air and observed that some of the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are filtered out from the air by several indoor plants. Although these studies were undertaken in the space facilities by NASA and collaborators, it is believed that indoor plants can also help clean indoor air.



Besides other benefits, money plant (*Scindapsus aureus*, or *Epipremnum aureum*) is believed to bring prosperity and luck. *Scindapsus aureus* is the scientific name of the "money plant" grown in homes in Asia. *Epipremnum aureum* is another scientific name that many consider synonymous. Besides "money plant," other commonly used names for this plant are "pothos," "silver vine," "devil's ivy," and "Solomon Islands ivy." This plant is native to Southeastern Asia and New Guinea.



It belongs to the Araceae family, which contains more than 100 genera. The plant is called a money plant because its leaves (round, flat, heart-shaped, dark green, and plump) resemble coins. It is a perennial and may be grown as either a trailer or a climber. Young plants bear three- to four-inch-long heart-shaped leaves. This plant is grown mainly indoors. Money plants are mainly used as indoor plant because of the foliage and rapid growth. They are known for their rounded, coin like, seed pods. The plants are generally self-seeding and normally grow as biennials. The leaves produce energy which is stored in its developing root system.



Below are the 6 unique benefits of money plant.

- ✓ Money plant as one of the best plants to purify air polluted with synthetic chemicals from furniture and cleaning solutions.
- ✓ It energizes the home by filtering air and increasing oxygen inflow.
- ✓ It is recommended to keep one plant near each computer, television, or WiFi router.
- ✓ Placing a money plant in front of a sharp corner or angle reduces anxiety and stress.
- ✓ It also helps avoid arguments and sleep disorders.
- ✓ Money plants activate positive energy in our day-to-day lives. It is recommended to plant money plants inside the house as they bring good luck.

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