



## Tips for successful planting

- Place any decorative ornaments or wood in the tank before adding compost or plants to help you visualise the look you wish to achieve.
- Once the compost is correctly moistened add it around your ornaments to hold them firmly in place, unusual shaped pieces may need additional wire supports hidden under the compost.
- Firm the compost into place, a change in levels can be more interesting than a completely flat layer.
- Plant smaller plants to the front and sides with higher feature plants to the rear, drawing the eye in.
- Allow room for growth and access to clean the inside of the globe.
- If you are planting epiphytic species make sure they receive additional sprays of Humidimist to help them adjust and root in their surroundings.
- Epiphytic plants such as Orchids also require additional weekly feeding with a suitable fertiliser. Please research individual plant requirements.

### Suitable plant types

#### Foliage plants for foreground, background, and ground cover

Fittonia Skeleton bicolour, Fittonia Red, Fittonia Lemon, Fittonia White, Peperomia Rotundifolia, Peperomia Angulata, Peperomia mixed, Peperomia verticillata, Ball/Pillow Moss.

#### Feature plants

Ficus Ginseng, Adiantum raddianum Fragrans (Maiden Hair Fern), Adiantum tenerum Scutum Roseum, Asparagus plumosus, Asplenium antiquum (Birds-nest-fern), Cryptanthus, Neoregelia Fireball.

#### Carnivorous Plants

Dionaea muscipula (Venus fly trap), Drosera Aliceae (honey dew plant), Pinguicula, Sarracenia, Heliamphora nutans x heterodoxa.

#### Orchids

Orchids are the most diverse species of plant on the planet and are found mostly in the tropical rain forests where they have developed into many unique forms to mimic the insects that pollinate them. There are in excess of 25,000 different varieties. Micro Phalaenopsis, Ceratostylis Retisquama, Haraella Ordorata, Psygmorchis pusilla, Ornithidium Sophronitis, Ornithophora Radicans.

## Suitable livestock for a biOrb AIR 60

Apart from tropical plants, the biOrb AIR 60 is also suitable for a range of tropical inhabitants such as the very popular **Vampire Crabs**; these originate from Sulawesi and grow to 25mm and come in a range of attractive colours and actively climb in their search for food, unusually they only return to freshwater to deposit eggs.

The smaller species of **Thumbnail Dart Frog's** mix well with the tropical plants, residing in the water filled centres of Bromeliads or actively pursuing food through their slice of jungle, many are bold and very colourful with an attractive call.

Several species of Lizards are also suitable, including **Dwarf Chameleons** and **Crested Gecko's**.

There are also numerous insects in a vast array of size shape and colour, from **Fruit Beetles** to **Praying Mantis**, **Millipedes** and **Spiders**.

As with all animals, it is advisable to research their individual needs and requirements.

