Cold-hardy Bromeliads

Today on Gardening in a Minute: cold-hardy bromeliads.

Bromeliads are exotic looking plants that are often grown as houseplants. But did you know that certain varieties can be planted in the landscape even in sections of North Florida?

The most cold-hardy bromeliads are those in the genus *Puya*. These spiky plants naturally grow in areas like the Andes where they experience desert conditions and even snow. They’re capable of surviving temperatures down to 20 degrees.

Bromeliads with thicker leaves are often more cold-tolerant, including many of the plants in the genus *Dyckia*. Several species of *Aechmea*, *Nidularium*, and *Vriesia* are also fairly cold hardy, but their tolerance will vary by variety.

If you’re ever in doubt about the hardiness of your bromeliads, cover them with a layer of frost cloth or a blanket to help protect them.

For more information about bromeliads and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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