



Tillandsia

Identifying Corkscrew's Airplants...

Start with the first number and ask if it's a "yes" or a "no" for the plant in question.

If the answer is 'yes,' go to next *different* number in that same section and ask "yes" or "no" again. Keep going until you run out of numbers. The last "yes" answer is what it is.

If the answer to the first question is "no," go to the next *same* number and ask "yes" or "no" again. Keep going until you get a "yes" answer and run out of numbers. The last "yes" answer is what it is.

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1. Are the leaves very thin, string-like with a grayish, velvety look?
 2. Do they hang in long twining festoons?.....*T. usneoides*.....Spanish Moss
 2. Do the short leaves form a tangled mass like a fuzzy ball of string?.....*T. recurvata*.....Ball Moss

 1. Are the leaves wider at base, do they taper to point, or are the leaves needle-like?
 3. Do the plants **have** bulb-like base?
 4. Are the leaves are fuzzy-looking and grayish?
 5. Are the leaves fairly thin?.....*T. circinata*..... Twisted Air Plant
 5. Are the leaves wide, almost succulent-looking?.....*T. pruinosa*..... Hoary Air Plant
 4. Are the leaves are smooth and greenish to reddish?
 6. Are the leaves wide, twisted, with light bands?..... *T. flexuosa*..... Twisted Air Plant
 6. Do the leaves taper, curve down over the bulb in curly tendrils?..... *T. balbisiana*.....Reflexed Wild Pine
 3. Do the plants **NOT have** bulb-like base?
 7. Are the leaves very thin and needle-like?..... *T. setacea*.....Needle-Leaved Air Plant
 7. Are the leaves wider at base than the tip?
 8. Are the leaves stiff and erect , widely spreading, tapering to a point, grayish-green?..... *T. fasciculata*... Stiff-Leaved Wild Pine
 8. Do the leaves curve along entire length?
 9. Are there long, thick leaves (2' or more) that curve in wide arc?..... *T. utriculata*.....Giant Wild Pine
 9. Are the leaves shorter, making a limp curve along the whole length, green?..... *T. variabilis*..... Soft-Leafed Wild Pine