**Tillandsia caput-medusae** is an attractive epiphytic bromeliad native to Central America and Mexico. The thick, channeled, tapering and twisting leaves arise from an inflated pseudobulb and are up to 10 in (25 cm) long and are covered in small gray hairs. As with all Tillandsias, they are very easy to grow. We attach ours to slabs of oak wood with small staples and cover the roots with reindeer moss to hold moisture.

Plants bloom in spring to early summer. The red inflorescences are usually unbranched or digitate, with bright violet flowers ~1.25 inches (3.2 cm), with stamens exerted. In the growing season, plants are misted daily and humidity levels run between 65-75% at all times. Fertilizers are not needed. In late fall, misting is restricted, depending on the humidity levels in the greenhouse.