

Do you wish you had a green thumb? If you're like me you've got a houseplant or two that needs some expert care. Is it sick? Does it get too much water or not enough? The app Planta can diagnose problems and recommend solutions. It also identifies plants to let you know if that thing growing in the yard needs to be cared for or needs pulling.

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ON-CAMERA TEASE:

DO YOU HAVE A HOUSEPLANT LIKE THIS? YOU DON'T KNOW IF IT'S DYING, NEEDS MORE WATER, OR LESS WATER. I'M JAMEY TUCKER COMING UP I FOUND THIS SMARTPHONE APP THAT WILL PRACTICALLY GIVE YOU A GREEN THUMB.

ANCHOR INTRO

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND IF YOU'RE HEADING TO A NURSERY SOON TO BUY OUTDOOR PLANTS YOU MAY HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST PLANTS FOR YOUR YARD.

OR, YOU MAY HAVE A HOUSEPLANT THAT NEEDS SOME HELP. OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER TAKES A LOOK AT A SMARTPHONE APP THAT CAN PRACTICALLY GIVE YOU A GREEN THUMB.

PACKAGE SCRIPT

Unless you're really good at it, you may have a houseplant that looks like this. One day it looks fine, the next day you don't know if it's going to live. I found a smartphone app called Planta that not only will help you care for the plants you have, but will tell you if the plant in the backyard is actually a weed.

Planta uses my smartphone camera to snap a photo, and then it runs it through a database. Using AI, it recognizes this as Periwinkle. But this chickweed which I should get rid of.

Of course, Google Lens can do this to some extent. But Planta puts you in touch with millions of other users who are eager to help me with recommendations.

What's even more useful is how Planta helps with houseplants. I add this Peace Lily to my list of plants. Planta offers lots of suggestions on how to care for it. But what are these brown leaves all about and how do I remedy it?

Planta uses a photo and asks me questions like a doctor would ask a human patient. Then shows me in detail what was wrong. It's getting too much water. I thought I wasn't watering it enough. It'll even send notifications for when it's time to water so I won't have to worry about timing it just right.

Planta is free with a few features but if you want to use the camera and AI, it requires a subscription that's \$10 a month or \$35 for a year. There are Planta apps for iPhone and Android devices. I'm Jamey Tucker and Planta is the app of the day.

ANCHOR TAG

(SORRY, I DON'T HAVE A TAG FOR THIS ONE)

WEB STORY

Unless you're good at it, you may have a droopy houseplant or one with yellowing or brown leaves. One day it looks fine, the next day you don't know if it will live.

For those without a green thumb (points thumb at himself), I found a smartphone app called Planta that will help you care for the plants you have and tell you if the plant in the backyard is a weed or something you should keep.

There's a green plant that's taken over my garden bed. Two of them actually and I don't know which is a ground cover and which one is a weed. So I don't know whether to feed it or weed it.

Planta uses my smartphone camera to snap a photo, and then it runs it through a database. Using AI, it recognizes one as a Periwinkle I should keep, while the other is chickweed which I should dig up or kill.

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What's even more useful is how Planta helps with houseplants. I have a Peace Lily plant sitting in the floor in my kitchen. Within a week it went from a beautiful plant with green leaves and a flower to a drooping plant with brown and yellow leaves.

Planta uses a photo and asks me questions like a doctor would ask a human patient. Is the soil damp or dry? How close does it sit to a window? Is it getting hot or cold air from a vent? Then shows me in detail what was wrong.

It's getting too much water. I thought I wasn't watering it enough.

Planta offers suggestions of when it needs to be watered and fertilized and how much it needs. It also suggests I repot the plant as it's been in the same one it came home in over 12 months ago.

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