East Bay Nursery

Mythic™ Red Secret Jewel Alocasia

Alocasia cuprea 'Red Secret'



Mythic Red Secret Jewel Alocasia in full
Photo courtesy of Proven Winners

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Elephant's Ear

Group/Class: Leafjoy Houseplants

Description:

This stunning Alocasia features dark, coppery-green foliage with maroon undersides; leaves get darker as they mature and almost look metallic; a beautiful tropical accent plant for indoor areas with bright, indirect light

Features & Attributes

Mythic Red Secret Jewel Alocasia's attractive large glossy heart-shaped leaves emerge olive green, turning dark green in color with showy coppery-bronze variegation and tinges of black throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

This is an open herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture stands it apart from other indoor plants with finer foliage. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Mythic Red Secret Jewel Alocasia can be expected to grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. This houseplant should be situated in a location that that gets indirect sunlight at most, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.