East Bay Nursery

Velvet Leaf Philodendron

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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Philodendron hederaceum var. hederaceum

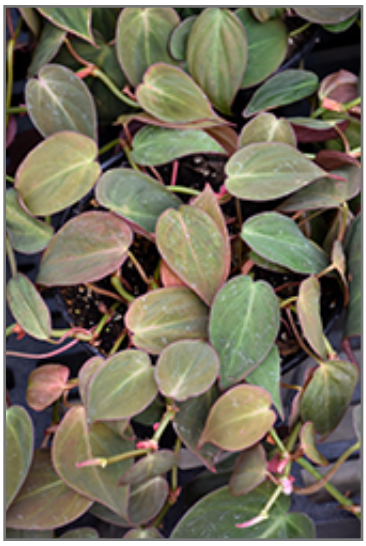
Description:

A lovely trailing variety, presenting velvety, heart shaped green foliage that shows red to maroon accents in high light; great to cascade from hanging planters, or to give support with a trellis or moss pole; easy to grow, avoid full sun exposure

Features & Attributes

Velvet Leaf Philodendron's attractive glossy heart-shaped leaves emerge chartreuse, turning bluish-green in color with curious fuchsia undersides and tinges of rose throughout the year on a plant with a trailing habit of growth.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture is quite ornamental and should be used to full effect. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.



Velvet Leaf Philodendron foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Velvet Leaf Philodendron can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant should only be grown away from direct sunlight or in a room with strong artificial light. 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 type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine. 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.