East Bay Nursery

Heartleaf Philodendron

Philodendron hederaceum



Heartleaf Philodendron in full
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Philodendron scandens, Philodendron Cordatum

Description:

An attractive, climbing variety featuring glossy, heart shaped, emerald green leaves; allow it to trail from a hanging basket, or grow up a support such as a trellis or moss pole; a striking accent plant for low to medium indoor light

Features & Attributes

Heartleaf Philodendron's attractive glossy heart-shaped leaves remain forest green in color throughout the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. The coral-pink stems can be quite attractive and add to the plant's interest.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture stands it apart from other indoor plants with finer foliage. This plant can be pruned at any time to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Heartleaf Philodendron can be expected to grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. 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.