Rio Philodendron

Philodendron hederaceum 'Rio'



Rio Philodendron in full
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Description:

A lovely cascading variety that presents heart shaped deep green foliage with silver and cream variegation; trailing from hanging baskets and containers, perfect for indoor growing in any corner of the house; easy to grow and low maintenance

Features & Attributes

Rio Philodendron's attractive glossy heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with showy creamy white variegation and tinges of silver 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Rio Philodendron can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. 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.