

Xanthosoma sagittifolium (Ariods159)

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In Surinam and the Netherlands, Xanthosoma sagittifolium (arrowleaf elephant ear), is known as "tayer". It is a member of the arum family and commonly eaten in a range of dishes. For example, its leaves and shredded root are used to make pom, a popular Surinamese casserole.



Plant type:



evergreen

foliage plant

Place:



indoor

Adult width:



$\approx 15\text{ cm}$

Light:



no direct sun

Watering:



normal

Araflora info



introduction

Product info

In the wild, Xanthosoma sagittifolium produces large heart-shaped leaves that can be as much as 1 metre in diameter. They are much smaller in the cultivated houseplant. It flowers often and profusely in the wild, but rarely indoors as a houseplant. In any case the flowers are less attractive than the leaves.

Height:

15 cm



Width:

8 cm



Adult height:

>100 cm



Adult width:

<math>< 15\text{ cm}</math>



Flower colour:

white



Flower period:

all year



Product:

plant



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foliage plant



evergreen

Plant type:

terrarium



Growth habit:

climbing



Properties:

non-edible



Growth rate:

normal



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Natural habitat:

South America



Altitude range:

0-1500 m



Plantcare

This fern comes originally from Central and South America. It enjoys high temperatures and lots of humidity. Xanthosoma sagittifolium is an ideal plant for a large living room or conservatory where it can dominate as the sole focus of attention. It is a large plant that requires a big pot with plenty of water that must never be stagnant. It needs a high level of humidity and fertilising regularly in order to keep its beautiful leaves in perfect condition.

Care:
easy



Place:
indoor



Place:
artificial lighting



Light:
no direct sun



Light:
semi sun



Artificial light height:
20-40 cm



Fertilize:
medium



Maintenance:
can be pruned



Watering:
normal



Watering tips:
free draining mixture



Watering tips:
water spraying



Soil type:
terrarium



Air humidity at day:
60-80%



Air humidity at night:
80-100%



Temperature
< 15 °C



Day temperature
10-30 °C



Night temperature
12-18 °C



Temperature max:
35 °C



Temperature min:
15 °C



Soil ph:
< 5-8 >



Soil type:
peat



Repotting:
after 2 years

