

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus: Caladium**  
**Species: bicolor**

**Common Name(s):** Caladium,  
Angel wings, and Elephant ears

**Latin Family Name:** Araceae  
**English Family Name:** Arum

### The plant

**Origin; country or region:** Are native to South America and Central America, and naturalized in India, parts of Africa, and various tropical islands

**Growth habit:** They grow in open areas of the forest and on the banks of rivers

**Flower description:** Calla-type flowers, if present, are usually hidden

**Blooming period/availability:** Perennial, grow annually  
Caladium plants produce leaves only from spring to fall, and then require a rest  
Period of around five months to recharge and sprout anew in spring

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** Grown exclusively for their bold and colorful foliage

### Usage :

#### STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES :

Several species are grown as ornamental plants for their large, arrowhead-shaped leaves marked in varying patterns in white, pink, and red

Available in a variety of colours

Easy to maintain as indoor ornamental plants

No serious insect or disease problems

**WEAKNESS:** Because of its attractive look does not blend into any arrangement- shouts for attention

Looks goods with similar family plants

Leaves are rather fragile and may easily be damaged by sun and wind

Slugs and snails may chew holes in the foliage.

Sometimes a delicate plant to care for



### Care & Handling

**Longevity:** Plants go dormant during the year, recharge after they have rested

**Water requirements:** During their growing season, they require moderate watering (damp, not soggy)

Follow a well-structured watering schedule

**Light:** They preferred a moderate shady place with indirect sunlight and high humidity

Most varieties prefer partial to full shade, although sun-resistant varieties

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** Caladiums don't need a lot of fertilizer, and using too much can burn the leaves

**Special care/remarks:** All parts of the plant are poisonous  
They should not be ingested and may irritate sensitive skin  
Keep out of reach of pets and children

