

Botanical name:
Genus: Monstera
Species: adansonii

Common name (s):

Broken heart plant
Swiss cheese vine

Latin Family Name: Araceae

English Family Name: Arum

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to Central America, Southern Mexico and Guatemala

Growth habit: Monstera adansonii is known for its beautiful heart-shaped leaves

This handsome foliage plant is a climber in the wild, growing up large trees

Thus you will eventually need to support it indoors by means of a moss pole or a stable structure nearby, such as a column or beam etc

Flower description (if applicable): Rarely flowers indoors

Blooming period/availability (if applicable): Perennial

Leaf/Foliage Description: Young plants have smooth, heart-shaped leaves; as the plant matures, the leaves develop deeply cut slits or holes giving the leaves the Swiss Cheese effect

If your plant's leaves do not develop the holes and slits it may be that your plant isn't receiving enough light

Usage :

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES :

Showy plant for homes & offices

Comes in many sizes- be small or bold or on a moss stick

(Sizes vary from-mini to a 3-4 foot moss stick plant)

Can be used as a tropical accent plant

Looks delightful when it starts creeping up/down walls/strings

WEAKNESS :

Leaves can turn brown if exposed to too much sunlight or yellow if 'under exposed' to sunlight



TRIVIA : It differs from the popular *deliciosa* variety in that its fenestrations consist of oval shaped holes throughout the leaf This is how it earned its name "swiss cheese plant"

Care & Handling

Longevity: 3-5 years

Water requirements: Water thoroughly and allow the top part of soil to dry out between waterings

Keep soil barely moist in winter

Yellowing lower leaves are usually a sign of overwatering

Provide good drainage

Light: Bright light, with no harsh sun

The Delicious Monster can handle some gentle sun, though

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Feeding is important for lush, new growth

Special care/remarks: These plants are considered poisonous and should be kept away from pets and children