

Botanical name:
Genus: Philodendron
Species: giganteum

Common Name(s):
Giant Philo, Elephant leaf

Latin Family Name: Araceae
English Family Name: Arum

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to South America & the Carribean Island

Growth habit: 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: NA

Blooming period/availability: Perennial

Leaf/Foliage Description: Lustrous rich green fanning leaves looking like an elephant's ear

Heart-shaped leaves with a complete but not pinnate form

Usage: this is one majestic plant, and everything about it is mammoth!

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

You can grow the Philodendron Giganteum indoors to add volume to any living space or even place it outside to fill the gaps in the garden
Ideal for bare spaces and works well in substantial living spaces
Bold, green tropical accent plant



Speaking of climbing, much like its relative and other large philodendron the philodendron selloum, it enjoys support as it grows. Not only because its aerial roots are looking for something to cling to, but because those big leaves are heavy!

WEAKNESS :

Not a delicate plant

Needs ample space to grow

to its full potential

Large leaves need frequent cleaning

Care & Handling

Longevity: Considered heirloom plants

Water requirements: The gentle giant loves moisture

Water thoroughly and allow the top part of soil to dry out between watering, provide good drainage

Yellowing lower leaves are usually a sign of over watering

Light: Bright light, can handle some gentle sun, though

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Loose potting soil, feeding is important for lush, new growth

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

