

Caladium x hortulanum

(Caladium, Angel wing)

Caladiums are tender tropical plants grown from tubers. It is grown for its large showy arrow shape leaves. The leaves appear in any color combination, green, pink, red, rose, white, silver and bronze. The flower and the fruit don't have any ornamental value. The caladium should be planted in partial sun to partial shade and fertile, moist, well-drained soil. Warm soil is a must as cool soil temperature causes rotting. As a general rule all heart shape leaved goes for shade and all arrow shaped leaves goes for partial sun, sun. Usually it grows all year around but if temperature goes below 10 C the bulb goes dormant. For the best performance bulbs better to be dug out each year and stored in dry condition. Used as a bedding plant, in containers or used as a filler in mixed plantings



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Caladion, Palette de peintre

Pronunciation: kuh-LAY-dee-um x hor-too-LAY-num

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: South America

Heat Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Sagittate - Arrow

Leaf Margins: Undulate

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Variegated

Color(changing season): Variegated

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Spadix

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

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Other Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic

Water Requirements: High, Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Toxity: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Pests: Mealy-Bug, Snail

Plant Propagations: Division
