

## 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

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#### 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

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#### 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

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic

**Water Requirements:** High, Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Toxity:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Mealy-Bug, Snail

**Plant Propagations:** Division

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