

Alocasia x amazonica

(African Mask, Amazon Taro, Elephant Ear)

The Amazon taro is a cross between *Alocasia watsonia* and *Alocasia sanderiana*. It has large, arrowhead-shaped green leaves with white veins. It prefers full to partial shade and requires protection from the sun. It can be grown indoors in temperate zones or outside in a more tropical environment. It is a highly toxic plant if ingested.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Couleur fleur

Pronunciation: a-loh-KAY-see-uh am-ah-ZON-ih-kah

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Hybrid origin

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12

Uses: Border Plant, Indoor, Container, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Brachidodrome

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 20 - 30

Leaf Shape: Sagittate - Arrow

Leaf Margins: Entire, Incised

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Variegated

Color(changing season): Variegated

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Spadix

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Year Round

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part, Shade

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Edible Parts:

Pests: Mites, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Division
