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Borneo Giant Elephant's Ear Alocasia macrorrhizos 'Borneo Giant'

Height: 12 feet

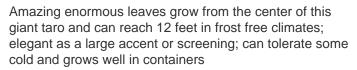
Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Alocasia, Taro

Description:



Ornamental Features

Borneo Giant Elephant's Ear's attractive enormous glossy heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. It features solitary conical creamy white hooded flowers with white centers rising above the foliage in mid summer.

Landscape Attributes

Borneo Giant Elephant's Ear is an open herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Borneo Giant Elephant's Ear is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Borneo Giant Elephant's Ear Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Borneo Giant Elephant's Ear foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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Planting & Growing

Borneo Giant Elephant's Ear will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Borneo Giant Elephant's Ear is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.