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Family: Araceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous

Leaf Color: dark green

Fall Color: n/a

Flower Time: typically June to August

Flower Color: creamy white to green

Fruit: fleshy spadix 6-10 inches long and 1.5-2 inches wide, covered in small berries

Light: bright indoor light, indirect

Moisture: well-drained

USDA Hardiness

Zones: 11-12

Insect/Disease Issues:

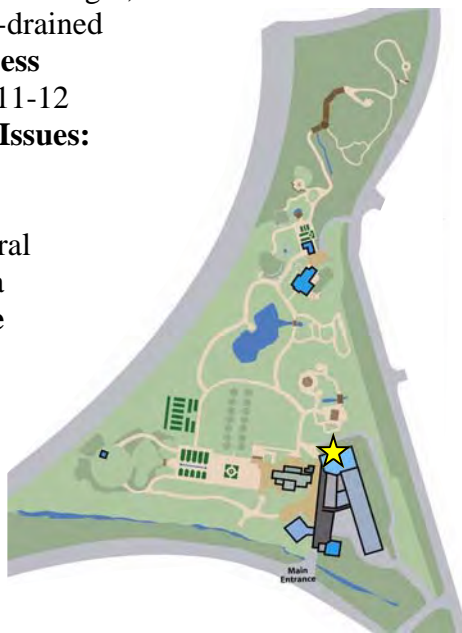
None serious

Nativity:

Mexico to Central
America

**Location in the
Gardens:**

Conservatory
& Butterfly
Wing



Landscape Value:

This houseplant is often easy to find small, but if given enough light and room will grow very large. The dark green leathery leaves are distinctive with deep lobes and holes. Leaves eventually get up to 3 feet across, but indoors are more often 8 to 16 inches. Plants are coarse tropical vines with aerial roots that can climb up to 50 feet—although as a houseplant they rarely get larger than 8 feet. Grow in bright indirect light and warm temperatures year round. The shiny leaves may need dust removed periodically. Grow in well-drained, moist soil and never allow the root ball to dry out completely. Fertilize in spring and summer. Plants are easily propagated by stem tip cuttings.

Notes:

This plant has other notable common names. While all other parts of the plant are poisonous, it is known as Mexican breadfruit because of its edible fruit. It is also occasionally called split-leaf philodendron, despite that fact that, while a close relative, is not formally in the *Philodendron* genus.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec