

Botanical Name: Philodendron scandens oxycardium

Common Name: Heartleaf Philodendron

Type of Plant: monocot: houseplant Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape vining, spreading plant, with dark, heart-shaped leaves  
on long trailing stems

Height to 1' Spread indefinite Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure indoors tolerates very low light but grows well up to 600 FC

Soil average potting soil

Hardiness tolerates low light and low humidity

Morphology:

Leaves dark green, cordate to 5" across (juvenile) up to 12"  
across on mature specimens - usually a sheen on upper surface - long petioles

Flowers spathe, greenish, about 6" long, reddish-purple toward  
base

Fruit small berry - white

Propagation: mallet cuttings, stem cuttings

Usage: hanging baskets, groundcover in indoor planter beds;  
sometimes used on "Totem poles" as a climber

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering -- not fussy

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, twice monthly

Pruning head back to force side branching

Pests/Diseases mealybug, aphids

Special Conditions

Origin: Cen. Amer. Family: Araceae