

Botanical Name: Monstera deliciosa

Common Name: Split-leaf philodendron

Type of Plant: Houseplant; perennial Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape climbing or spreading vine-like plant with thick

trailing stems and large deeply split leaves

Height unlimited Spread unlimited Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure in/out outdoors: partial shade; indoors: tolerates low light

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness tender to frost -- grows in most any conditions indoors

Morphology:

Leaves orbicular to ovate, to 3' wide and long, deeply split to

margins in older plants

Flowers spadix, greenish, white, to 10" long spike creamy yellow/

white

Fruit spike matures into edible, fleshy capsule-like fruit

Propagation: stem cuttings, air layering

Usage: large specimen plant indoors, used as a groundcover

outdoors -- sometimes used climbing totem poles

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, twice monthly

Pruning remove dead leaves -- head back to control size

Pests/Diseases mealybug

Special Conditions leaves will be smaller and unsplit in low light

Origin: Mexico /Cental America Family: Araceae