

Botanical Name: Alocasia x amazonica

Common Name: Alocasia, African mask

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Araceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Clumping, tuberous plant with several striking, dark, felted
leaves with silvery stripes, occasionally wavy margins

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure indoors prefers a brightly light, warm, humid environment

Soil prefers rich, well-drained organic 'soilless' medium

Hardiness tender, needs warm, moist conditions to thrive

Morphology:

Leaves beautiful, dramatic dark green, hastate to ovate leaves with dark
felted surfaces, usually striped with a silver or white stripe pattern

Flowers yellow-green spadix flower – usually inconspicuous compared to
dramatic foliage

Fruit small drupes

Propagation: division, seed

Usage: dramatic house or patio plant for very dramatic foliage and
tropical appearance; mostly used as a specimen plant

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering – not drought tolerant; use bottled water
to avoid salt build-up in soil

Fertilizing supply regular, low strength fertilizer throughout the year

Pruning remove yellow leaves

Pests/Diseases root rot where soil does not drain well

Other

Origin: Tropical Asia