

Botanical Name: Zantedeschia aethiopica

Common Name: Common calla

Type of Plant: monocot; perennial Family Araceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a clump of upright leaves and stems; coarse-textured foliage and large white flowers make this a very tropical-looking plant

Height 2 to 4 ft. Spread 3 to 6 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade for inland areas

Soil tolerates most any soil with adequate moisture

Hardiness hardy (zones 5, 6, 8, 9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves sagittate, to 18" long, 10" across on 24" long petioles; foliage is normally a very dark, glossy green

Flowers spadix – spathe 5-10" long; yellow spike inside is 8-10" long -- 'Green Goddess' forms marbled green spathe

Fruit fleshy drupes attached to central spike

Propagation: division, seed

Usage: tropical filler for foliage and flowers – flowers are very long-lasting in arrangements

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers deep, frequent irrigation – tolerates heavy watering and heavy soils – does well where other plants die from overwatering

Fertilizing slow-release at planting, balanced in spring if desired

Pruning remove dead leaves and flowers, divide if too large

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs

Other deciduous in cold climates; dwarf variety stays about 2 ft. high

Origin: Tropical East Africa