

Plant Care Tips

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Sunlight

Alocasias thrive in bright, indirect light.



Water

Water evenly, and only when top two to three inches of soil are completely dry.



Climate

Alocasia plants do best in temperatures between 60 - 80°F, and will stop growing at colder temps.



Soil

Fertilize every two to three weeks from the end of March through early September.



Plant Story

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A lush, tropical plant with large and textured waxy leaves.

Alocasia amazonica "Polly", also known as Elephant Ear or African Shield, is a tropical perennial plant. While Polly is a hybrid created relatively recently with mixed origin stories, the genus *Alocasia* is native to tropical rainforest climates in India, Southeast Asia, southern China, and southern Pacific islands. About seventy species fall within the genus *Alocasia*. Polly features large, waxy leaves in the shape of an arrow-head protruding from long single stems. Leaves are a deep green with silver veining and have a rich purple underside.

Alocasia amazonica require moderate care, but reward plant parents with large, beautifully patterned foliage. Each leaf has a unique shape and the plant is ornate enough to decorate a space. They grow best where they get plenty of bright, indirect light or partial shade. *Alocasia* should be watered when the top two inches of soil feel dry. They do best in high humidity areas such as kitchens and well-lit bathrooms.

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