

Philodendron erubescens

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Common Names: Blushing Philodendron, Red-Leaf Philodendron, Royal Philodendron, Congo Rojo

Family: Araceae

Origin: Columbia

Growth: Clumping, vining

Light: Bright, indirect

Foot Candles: 100 - 250

Water: Keep evenly moist

Humidity: 30% - 70%

Temperature: 15°C - 30°C

Soil: Regular potting mix

Container: Self-watering planter



Nutrients: 10-10-10 Monthly

Propagation: Stem cuttings, removal of offsets

Interiorscape Use: Low-maintenance plant available in different colours

Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Pests can hide in the petioles or the emerging rolled up leaves

Comments: This philodendron has many popular cultivars, such as the “royal” family: Pink Princess, Prince of Orange, Black Cardinal, White Knight, and Imperial Red. There are many other cultivars available. The Pink Princess has been the subject of some online scams, where the plant being advertised was heavily photoshopped, although it is a real plant.

Toxicity: Intense burning and swelling of the lips, tongue, and throat, difficulty speaking. Nausea, vomiting, drooling, and diarrhea may also occur. Frequent contact with sap may cause skin irritation.



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