

Monstera deliciosa

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Common Names: Swiss cheese Plant, Cut-Leaf Philodendron, Hurricane Plant, Mexican Breadfruit, Split-Leaf Philodendron

Family: Araceae

Origin: Mexico to Panama

Growth: 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: Attractive low-maintenance foliage



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

Common Issues: Pests can hide in the petioles or the emerging rolled up leaves. Water spots can scorch leaves in direct sun.

Comments: Considered to be the king of indoor tropicals and a must-have to many houseplant owners. The matures leaves feature deep fenestrations and holes. The botanical name is derived from the fruit, which some say tastes like all tropical fruits combined into one but early consumption before ripening can cause strong irritation to the inside of the mouth. The fruit also expels a pungent smell as it ripens, but a fully ripe fruit will not smell. Hence, the Delicious Monster was born.

Toxicity: Ingestion of large quantities may cause 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.