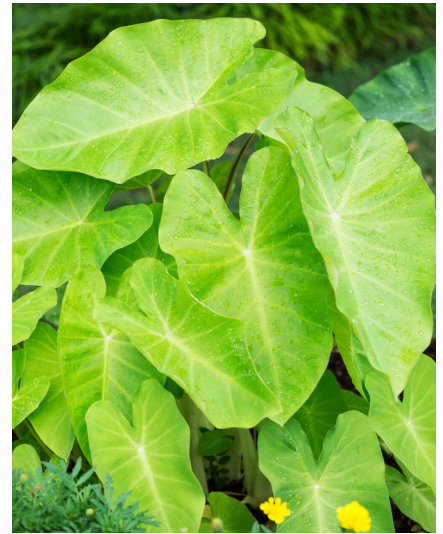


COLOCASIA



- Colocasia are big leafy plants, and are also known as 'Elephant Ears' and 'Taro'. Taro is in fact an edible tuber that is
- They originate from southeast Asia and India, and are a food staple of many African and Asian cultures, being similar to yams.
- Sometimes confused with Alocasia, it is easy to identify Colocasia as their leaves point downwards, unlike alocasia which points upwards.
- Colocasia comes in many colours, enabling you to create a dramatic tropical-inspired display. With some of the variegated types the patterns become more prominent as the plant develops, with the immature leaves often looking more plain.
- It likes a sunny position, but will tolerate some shade. As the leaves can be rather large it will benefit from a sheltered position, protected from strong winds.
- Colocasia grows best in a moist but well drained soil rich in organic matter, so it is best to add in some well-rotted manure or compost from your compost heap when you plant it.
- It is perennial, and the foliage will die back each winter. Depending on where you live, you may be able to get away with a good thick mulch over the plants, or you may need to lift the tubers like you would a dahlia.