

ALOCASIA



- Alocasia are leafy plants, and are also known as 'Elephant Ears' and 'Taro'.
- They originate from southeast Asia and India, and while they hail from a tropical region, they have adapted to thrive in cooler climates like the UK, even though they are not hardy.
- There are many alocasia varieties, and we primarily grow alocasia macrorrhiza, often called 'Giant Taro'. This plant can easily reach 2m tall, with enormous shield-like ribbed leaves. We may have other varieties growing, just ask us what is available at the time or in the pipeline.
- It likes a sunny and sheltered position, but will tolerate some shade. It 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.
- Overwinter, alocasia will need to be protected from frost. Ideally, bring it indoors as a houseplant (it can actually be grown as a houseplant if you have a big enough conservatory), and keep it relatively dry. The plants naturally go dormant in the winter months when the light levels are reduced, so it may shed leaves or have discoloured leaves.
- If you don't have space to accommodate this leafy plant then trim off the leaves and the thick rhizomatous trunk / root can be stored in a cool dry place and then replanted when the weather warms up again.