



## **Philodendron Cordatum (Heartleaf Philodendron)**

The proper Latin name is Philodendron Scandens Oxycardium and is better known as Philodendron Cordatum or heartleaf Philodendron. It is found in tropical rainforests of America, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Central America, its native habitat is on the forest floor in shade of larger plants. The name is derived from, phileo = love and denderon = a tree, love to climb trees. Philodendron has been used as a houseplant since Victorian times its popularity has only increased. Today's popularity is largely in part to the ease of care necessary with less than optimal conditions.

**Light:** Will live in low light, prefers bright indirect light and never direct sun

**Temperature:** Ideal temperature is 60-75 degrees and as low as 50 degrees and as high as 105 degrees provided it has adequate water.

**Water:** Keep the soil moist, when the soil starts to feel dry on the surface, water again. In the winter months let soil dry to ½ inch, it is always safer to be on the dry side and never allow plant to be soggy or stand in water.

**Fertilizer:** During the growing months, feed every 3-4 months or you can use a timed released food such as Osmocote 14-14-14

**Tip:** New tender growth is often pinkish reddish in color and darkens later in development. Philodendron can be grown as a hanging pot or grown upright supported by a pole or column.