

# Plant Care Tips

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### Sunlight

Alocasias thrive in bright, indirect light.



### Water

Water evenly, and only when top two to three inches of soil are completely dry.



### Climate

Alocasia plants do best in temperatures between 60 - 80°F, and will stop growing at colder temps.



### Soil

Fertilize every two to three weeks from the end of March through early September.

# Plant Story

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A lush, tropical plant with large and textured waxy leaves.

*Alocasia amazonica* "Polly", also known as Elephant Ear or African Shield, is a tropical perennial plant. While Polly is a hybrid created relatively recently with mixed origin stories, the genus *Alocasia* is native to tropical rainforest climates in India, Southeast Asia, southern China, and southern Pacific islands. About seventy species fall within the genus *Alocasia*. Polly features large, waxy leaves in the shape of an arrow-head protruding from long single stems. Leaves are a deep green with silver veining and have a rich purple underside.

*Alocasia amazonica* require moderate care, but reward plant parents with large, beautifully patterned foliage. Each leaf has a unique shape and the plant is ornate enough to decorate a space. They grow best where they get plenty of bright, indirect light or partial shade. *Alocasia* should be watered when the top two inches of soil feel dry. They do best in high humidity areas such as kitchens and well-lit bathrooms.

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