

# COLOCASIA ILLUSTRIS ELEPHANT EAR



ECS-226  
Product Manual - Version 12-24

**BULB SIZE:** 7-9"

**HARDINESS ZONE:** 8-10

**PLANTING TIME:** SPRING

**BLOOM TIME:** SUMMER  
SEASON LONG FOLIAGE



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# CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION

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## Thank you for purchasing COLOCASIA ILLUSTRIS ELEPHANT EAR BULBS

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If you have an issue with your product, do not return. Please report items that are damaged or have issues to Garden State Bulb Co. within three days of delivery. Contact customer service at [support@gardenstatebulb.com](mailto:support@gardenstatebulb.com) to open a ticket.

At Garden State Bulb Co., we want all of our customers to be completely satisfied with their purchase. Please take time to review the contents of the product you received to make sure that everything is satisfactory. If you find that any pieces are missing or damaged, we will provide replacements at no charge within 5 days of purchase.

If you have any other questions or concerns about your GSB product, please contact us at:

**Garden State Bulb Co. LLC**  
**[support@gardenstatebulb.com](mailto:support@gardenstatebulb.com)**  
**2720 Industrial Way, Vineland, NJ 08360**

Please keep in mind that for select damaged product replacement requests, we will require a photo for submission.

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Please be sure to include the following information when you contact Customer Service:

**YOUR NAME**

**YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**

**PRODUCT NAME**

**PRODUCT MODEL#**

**RETAILER WHERE PURCHASED**

**DATE OF PURCHASE**

**ORDER NUMBER (IF AVAILABLE)**

## LIMITED GROWTH & FLOWERING GUARANTEE

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Garden State Bulb Co. (GSB) products have been grown with the utmost care and are of excellent quality. In order to obtain the desired end result, it is important that the instructions on our site and/or the accompanying (plant) instructions are followed. Given that we work with a natural product; we offer a 1 Year Limited Growth and Flowering Guarantee.

Garden State Bulb's obligation under this Guarantee is limited to troubleshooting, replacing the product, missing pieces or providing a gift certificate at Garden State Bulb's discretion. All products for which a Guarantee claim is made must be received by GSB and accompanied by sufficient proof of purchase (emailed or original physical store receipt, indicating the date of purchase).

This Guarantee does NOT cover improper handling, storing, weathering, failure to follow directions, improper care, improper maintenance, or acts of nature, (such as damage caused by wind, lightning, snow, water, or ice), or damage caused by improper use of the products are not covered by the product warranty. No other guarantee beyond that specifically set forth above is authorized by Garden State Bulb Co.

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# PLANTING & CARE INSTRUCTIONS



PLANTING TIME	Spring
BLOOM TIME	Summer/Season Long Foliage
LIGHT	Partial Sun to Partial Shade
SPACING	12" to 24" apart
DEPTH	Plant 6" deep, top of bulb 1-2" below soil surface
MATURE HEIGHT	48-60" tall
BENEFITS	Deer Resistant

## Soil Preparation

**Great gardens start with great soil!**  
**Soil preparation is essential for successful gardening.**

Healthy soil should have good tilth, nutrient content, and a viable population of beneficial microorganisms. We recommend using natural and organic ingredients to prepare the soil and maintain soil fertility. It is always a good idea to have a soil test to identify your soil type (sandy, loam, silt, clay) and find out your soil pH.

**NOTE:** It is important to store correctly until planting. Store in a cool, dry place with plenty of air circulation. Plant in spring as soon as ground has thawed and soil has warmed to 50°F and is workable. Usually 4-6 weeks after the last frost.

## Elephant Ear Planting Instructions

- 1 Before planting, outside temperature needs to be at a minimum of 45°F at night and 70°F in daytime.
- 2 Choose a location with well-drained soil. Loosen soil prior to planting.
- 3 Dig a hole in loosened soil 2 to 4 times the size of the bulb (about 6" deep). Place bulb with the blunt side facing down and any sprouts facing up.
- 4 Plant Elephant ear bulbs so the top of the bulb is about 1-2" below the soil surface and each bulb about 12-24" apart.
- 5 Cover with soil and water well so that the soil above the bulbs settles. Keep soil moist during periods of dry weather but do not overwater.

\* Elephant Ears will start growing once the soil temperature reaches 65°F or warmer. In cooler climates (zones 3-8), Elephant ears will grow as an annual.



## About Elephant Ears

Elephant Ear bulbs bring a dramatic touch to any garden with their bold, oversized foliage and lush, tropical appearance. Their impressive leaves create stunning focal points, making them a versatile choice for enhancing landscapes or container gardens. Easy to grow and care for, they quickly become a standout feature, adding texture and dimension to any outdoor space. Whether used to create a tropical oasis or as a striking accent, these bulbs offer effortless beauty and timeless appeal.

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**Q. Do larger elephant ear bulbs mean larger plants?**

**A.** Yes, the larger the bulbs, the larger the plants with more foliage.

**Q. Can elephant ear bulbs be left in the ground?**

**A.** Elephant ears can stay in the ground if you live in hardiness zones 7 through 11 during the winter months.

**Q. How cold can elephant ears tolerate?**

**A.** Elephant ears can tolerate temperatures above 45° Fahrenheit.

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