

Heartleaf philodendron *Philodendron hederaceum*

Fact sheet



LIGHT ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ ☀️ **bright, no midday sun**

Bright without direct sun – summer sun scorches the leaves. It copes with shade, but then gets leggy with fewer, smaller leaves.



WATER 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **moderate**

Water once the top of the soil has dried, and never leave it standing in water. As a rule of thumb about once a week in summer, less in autumn and winter.



HUMIDITY 💧 💧 💧 💧 💧 **low**

Normal room air is fine, even though it prefers moderately humid air. Keep it away from hot radiators.



TEMPERATURE

Normal room temperature, at least 15 °C. No cold draughts.



SOIL

Loose, free-draining, slightly acidic mix, e.g. 2 parts orchid compost to 1 part peat-free ericaceous compost. Hanging pot or moss pole.



FEEDING

Spring to early autumn about once a month with a general houseplant fertiliser.



REPOTTING 🪴 est. 9 → 30 cm

In spring, after a couple of years at the earliest or once it is overcrowded – into a pot just a few cm larger.



SHOOT LENGTH



up to approx. 1.2 m long,
est. 1.2 m wide
• trailing

GROWTH



fast



TOXICITY



Humans: toxic



Cats: toxic



Dogs: toxic



Sap irritates the skin

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Symptoms & help

	TOO LITTLE	TOO MUCH
Water		 Yellowing leaves, leaves drop, the vines wither; roots rot. → Let the surface dry out between waterings. Never leave it standing in water, and don't water more.
Light	 Leggy stems with fewer, smaller leaves. → Move it somewhere brighter, but out of direct sun.	 Discoloured or scorched leaves. → Move it out of direct sun.
Fertiliser	 Yellowish leaves that stay small. → Feed about once a month from spring to early autumn.	
Warmth	 The lower leaves turn yellow after several hours just above freezing. → Keep it above 15 °C and away from cold draughts.	



WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

Easy to grow, copes with little light, and cuttings root in a glass of water. It doesn't measurably clean the air.



CAUTION

Poisonous: chewing it irritates the mouth and can cause drooling and vomiting – keep it out of reach of children, cats and dogs. The sap can irritate the skin, so wear gloves.