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## Pink China Elephant Ear

***Colocasia esculenta 'Pink China'***



*Pink China Elephant Ear*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Cocoyam, Dasheen, Taro

**Description:**

An unusual variety with pinkish-red stems and large green leaves; best grown in fertile, organically rich soil; in colder climates it can be removed after first frost and stored in a cool dry place until spring; a stunning garden or pondside accent; hardy

**Ornamental Features**

Pink China Elephant Ear is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive large heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Pink China Elephant Ear is an open herbaceous perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pink China Elephant Ear is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Pink China Elephant Ear will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Pink China Elephant Ear is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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