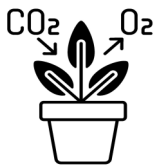


# Rio Philodendron



This plant filters pollutants from the air while releasing oxygen. With this plant in your home, you breathe cleaner air.

**Great as a houseplant in a sunny room or as a specimen on a patio when temps are above 60 degrees. They do well growing indoors in typical household temperature and humidity levels, although providing your Rio with extra humidity will encourage larger and more vigorous growth.**

## *Philodendron hederaceum 'Rio'*

- **Use:** COLLECTOR ITEM! Rio is a naturally occurring genetic mutation of the philodendron Brasil. The unique variegated foliage pattern is surprisingly consistent with mature green leaves displaying silver, cream, silver, and then dark green from the center, working outwards. Often they develop a vining habit that trails or climbs, and the leaves tend to be longer than other *Philodendron hederaceum* cultivars. As a philodendron matures and the leaves spread out laterally, it makes an impressive floor plant too. This is an easy-care plant that can adapt to all kinds of conditions if you keep it warm. Not for human or animal consumption.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grows well in bright indirect light. In lower light the leaves turn a darker green. Too much light or direct sun burns the leaves. Likes slightly acidic soil that is moist but not soggy. During the winter, water less often, keeping the soil barely moist. Do not let plant stand in water in saucer either. Feed monthly during the spring, summer, and fall with a water-soluble balanced fertilizer diluted to ½ the recommended strength. Too much plant food causes excess salt build up in the soil and can cause leaf burn.
- **Growth:** This plant, when grown indoors, can easily reach a height of 2-3ft and a leaf spread of 2-3 ft. It has stiff stems that are strong and firm enough to keep the plant growing straight up as it matures. Can continue up to 20', but don't worry you can easily prune them.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 11-12 Annual; Houseplant, must bring inside in the winter or when temps go below 50 degrees.
- **Foliage:** A variant of philodendron 'Brasil', this philo has a bright silver and white center stripe instead of the traditional lighter green or yellow pattern on the traditional 'Brasil'.
- **Flower:** None that are noticeable in indoor cultivation.

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