

# California Upright Elephant Ears



**This one grows very quickly in 1st year to over 4' tall.**



## ***Alocasia gageana* 'California'**

- **Use:** Impress the neighbors with this amazing upright Elephant Ear that grows quickly in one season! The leaves grow upright unlike the old fashioned type and is truly spectacular! The green leaves are undulated and very slightly sinuate at the margins. The midrib and primary surface veins are quite prominent and enhance the appearance of this plant. The vigorous self-heading habit make this *Alocasia* work well in mass or along a border.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– shade, very easy to please. Provide well-drained, moist soil, but not soggy. Use a slow release fertilizer. Always hungry this plant loves lots of water and fertilizer! Protect from winds helps. This variety is shade tolerant, making it an ideal houseplant. It does equally well outdoors in full sun.
- **Growth:** In full sun, you can expect a V-shaped clump about 3-4' tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7b-10b(some reports of it hardy to zone 6/7), perennial. Mulch around the base of the plant 1– 2 ft in the fall. In cold winter climates, however, plants will not return above ground until at least late June.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Forms a fast-offsetting 4' tall plant that dies to the ground each winter, but in more tropical climates forms a thick above-ground trunk, which supports the upright held 2' long, scalloped-edged leaves.
- **Flower:** Not known for their flowers.

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