

# Coffee Cups Elephant Ears



## *Colocasia esculenta* 'Coffee Cups'

- **Use:** *I can go ALL summer.* This is one of my all-time favorite plants. The cupped foliage will collect rainwater until there is enough water to bend the stem and pour the water out. It is really cool and will appeal to kids of all ages. Colocasia are great tropical plants suited to be grown as annuals in cold winter climates and perennials in warm winter climates. Some Colocasia tend to spread by runners, while others remain as a clump. Coffee Cups is a clumper. **CAN BE TOXIC TO PETS.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sun– part shade. Provide well-drained, moist soil, but not soggy. Use a slow release fertilizer. The more water and fertilizer they get the better. Could grow in a well aerated pond.
- **Growth:** It makes a giant clump to 3-5' tall and 3-4' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 8-10, tender perennial, mulch 1' around plant in fall. Do not cut back dead foliage.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The unique feature is the dramatic leaf cupping, even more dramatic than Colocasia 'Big Dipper'. As the leaf fills with water, the stem gives enough for the leaf to dump out its catch before refilling...fascinating.
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers.

Limited qty available of this new and hard to find plant!

You can print out this sign at [www.growersoutlet.com](http://www.growersoutlet.com).