



## Sarian African Mask

*Alocasia 'Sarian'*

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Elephant Ear, Taro

### Description:

Amazing large pointed leaves are glossy dark green with dramatic white ribs; visually stunning as a garden accent; can tolerate some cold and grows well in containers

### Ornamental Features

Sarian African Mask's attractive large heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in colour with distinctive white veins throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

### Landscape Attributes

Sarian African Mask is an open herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sarian African Mask is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Sarian African Mask*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Sarian African Mask foliage*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Sarian African Mask will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Sarian African Mask is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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.