

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Philodendron xanadu
Family	Araceae
Origin	Southern Brazil to Paraguay
Delivery size	27 cm pot · approximately 80 cm
Growth and distinctive feature	Broad, dense-growing arum relative with deeply lobed leaves; not a typical climber

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Bright to partial shade without hot direct sun.	Sufficient brightness supports even leaf development.
Water	Let surface compost dry slightly and check the root ball.	Remove excess and account for reduced winter consumption.
Compost	Use a humus-rich, airy mix with stable structure.	Strong roots need good drainage.
Feeding	During growth, feed moderately according to product instructions.	Do not automatically respond to yellow foliage with more fertiliser.
Temperature	About 18–26 °C according to the shop, without cold draughts.	Keep tropical indoor culture frost-free.
Growth	Provide sufficient lateral space; no usual climbing support is needed.	The crown grows densely and broadly.
Leaf care	Remove dust gently and take off dead foliage.	Preserve healthy, deeply lobed leaf surfaces.
Safety	Avoid sap contact and keep children and pets away.	Arum plants may irritate on contact or ingestion.

Knowledge that grows

A broad crown rather than long vines

Xanadu's deeply divided leaves sit on long stalks and form a dense, broad structure. The species is listed as both *Philodendron xanadu* and *Thaumatococcus xanadu*. At the current source check, Kew assigns it to *Philodendron*; the alternative name remains widespread. It belongs to the arum family. Unlike climbing philodendrons, Xanadu grows without a long, trailing main stem. A moss pole is therefore not the central requirement for its typical growth.

Leaf lobes create light and shade

The glossy leaves are deeply lobed along their central axis. This continuous leaf surface with incisions differs from the window-like holes in some *Monstera* leaves. The offered plant measures approximately 80 cm total height in a 27 cm pot. Its crown can be much wider than the container. Free space around the pot shows the leaf contours particularly well. The scene displays the compact delivery form; older plants may develop stronger stems and aerial roots.

Warm and indirectly lit

Choose a bright to partially shaded position without sudden hot midday sun. The shop recommends approximately 18–26 °C and protection from draughts. A comfortable living room can suit it if enough light reaches the crown. Higher humidity is beneficial, but should not be replaced by constantly wet foliage in still air. Let new leaves unfurl undisturbed. Regular, careful turning can limit one-sided growth without constantly carrying the plant to different places.

Reassessing moisture before each watering

Let the upper compost layer dry slightly, then check the root ball. Water slowly and thoroughly when needed and remove excess. The large pot retains moisture inside longer than a small propagation container. Particularly in winter, an unchanged frequent watering rhythm quickly produces unnecessary wetness. Yellow leaves may indicate overly wet roots, but have other possible causes too. Observe and check first before adding water, fertiliser or undertaking extensive repotting.

Aerating roots and preserving leaf surfaces

A humus-rich, airy mix with stable structure suits the strong root system. Repot when the root ball is clearly well rooted, choosing only a suitable next size. Feed moderately during growth according to product instructions. Remove dust carefully from glossy leaves with a damp cloth, supporting the leaf from below. Fully dead foliage can be removed. Aerial roots are part of the structure, not proof that the pot must be too small.

Opening dense growth for inspection too

Look regularly between leaf stalks and beneath leaves. Mealybugs, scale insects, thrips or spider mites can hide there. Constantly damp leaf surfaces with little air movement may encourage spots. Water preferably onto the compost. If a leaf must be removed, work cleanly and consider the irritating sap. Xanadu is not food and should not be within reach of young children or nibbling pets. A healthy, broad structure develops through suitable conditions and sufficient space, not constant thinning of green leaves.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



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Good to know

Does Xanadu need a moss pole?

Its typical broad, self-supporting upright growth does not require a climbing support.

Why do I find two genus names?

Philodendron xanadu and *Thaumatococcus xanadu* are used in different botanical classifications. Both are stored in our search.

Are the incisions holes like in Monstera?

The leaf surface is deeply lobed. This differs from enclosed, window-like holes within a leaf blade.

How much space does the offered form need?

It is approximately 80 cm tall in a 27 cm pot. Also allow sufficient room for the broad crown.

The matching offer

[Plant in the shop](#)

The linked shop is in German. Product details, availability and delivery information are provided in that shop.

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English portrait



Shop offer (in German)