

# HEARTLEAF PHILODENDRON

## *PHILODENDRON HEDERACEUM*

### PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

4" – 6' high, 6" – 6' wide

 Sun/Shade

Part Shade to Deep Shade

 Water

Medium

 Maintenance

Low

 Life Span

Perennial, Zones 4-7

 Description

*Philodendron hederaceum*, also known as Heartleaf Philodendron, Parlor Ivy and Vilevine is a tropical evergreen perennial that is only hardy in zones 11 and 12. Otherwise, it is grown as a house plant in either containers or hanging pots. It is synonymous with *Philodendron scandens*. It produces greenish-white blooms but rarely indoors. It will climb or trail if provided with support. It has glossy green leaves on cascading stems with the leaves of young plants about 4" long but mature plant leaves can grow to 12". It prefers medium light but will tolerate low light for extended periods of time. It prefers normal indoor temperatures and will tolerate dry air but prefers medium relative humidity, moist soil and an occasional misting. Cut back on watering fall to late winter to avoid root rot. Parlor Ivy has no serious insect or disease problems but is a problem for cats, dogs and horses.

Source: [North Carolina Extension Gardener](#), [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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