

## COLOCASIA Royal Hawaiian® Series

Origin: University of Hawaii breeding program

Species: *esculenta*

Protection Status: Colocasia 'Blue Hawaii' (USPP 20003); Colocasia 'Diamond Head' (USPP 19939); Colocasia 'Hawaiian Eye' (PPAF); Colocasia 'Hilo Bay' (USPP 20108); Colocasia 'Hawaiian Eye' (USPP 19884)

### Characteristics:

The bar has been raised with this exciting new line of ornamental colocasias. Originally the breeder was working on the food crop, taro and as a result, the Royal Hawaiian series not only has impressive ornamental value but also brings excellent vigor, disease resistance, and hardiness. Colocasias are well suited to a tropical program and makes a bold statement in any garden. The drama of the foliage is increased when backlit so that the veins show through. The petioles (stems) are also eye-catching. Colocasias are at home in the wetland garden in full sun where they can really show off their best attributes. These varieties are robust while not exhibiting any signs of runners. A true designer variety! If planting in a container, make sure it's a big one!

Blue Hawaii: Green leaves with purple veins and margin, mate finish, purple petioles. Ht 48"

Diamond Head: Glossy dark purple to black leaves with dark purple petioles. Ht 48-60"

Hawaiian Eye: Greenish purple leaves with matt finish, burgundy piko, burgundy petioles. Ht 48-60"

Hilo Bay: Glossy olive green corrugated leaves, dark purple petioles. Ht 48"

Pineapple Princess: Yellow-green leaves with light purple veins and margin, burgundy petioles. Ht 36"

Hardiness: USDA Zone 7b-11

Bloom: Unimportant, but a calla lily like spathe/spadix inflorescence

Foliage: Can reach 30-36" long by 18-24" wide

Habit: Clump forming 48" -60" depending on variety

Propagation: *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Full sun, moist soil, 50°F nights and 70-80°F (or warmer) days. 4-6 wks from liner to GL. High nitrogen can cause foliage to fold back.

Use: Large containers, beds, pond side plantings

