

Botanical name:
Genus: *Thaumatococcus*
Species: *bipinnatifidum*

Common Name(s): Selloum

Latin Family Name: Araceae
English Family Name: Areca

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to south America

Growth habit: A large, non-climbing, semi-woody shrub with huge, glossy, wavy margined, deeply-dissected evergreen leaves. Capable of supporting itself at massive heights by producing tree-like bases.

Flower description: Indoor plants rarely flower

Blooming period/availability: Evergreen

Leaf/Foliage Description: The leaves are simple, large, deeply lobed, and are usually drooping.

Usage: Cultivated as a landscape plant - brings a bright burst of green color.

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES :

- Energy is wild, tropical, lush and dramatic
- Gives an immensely tropical feel to any room
- Excellent air purifier for indoor spaces
- Great addition to both living rooms and bedrooms
- No serious insect or disease problems

WEAKNESS :

- Takes up too much space
- Plants need consistent and regular moisture and are intolerant of drought
- Leaf spots may occur
- Root rot in overly moist soil

The cut leaves of the Hope Selloum can survive for months in a vase. Change the water out once a week, and place this beauty in any surface throughout your home.

Care & Handling

Longevity: Over 5 years

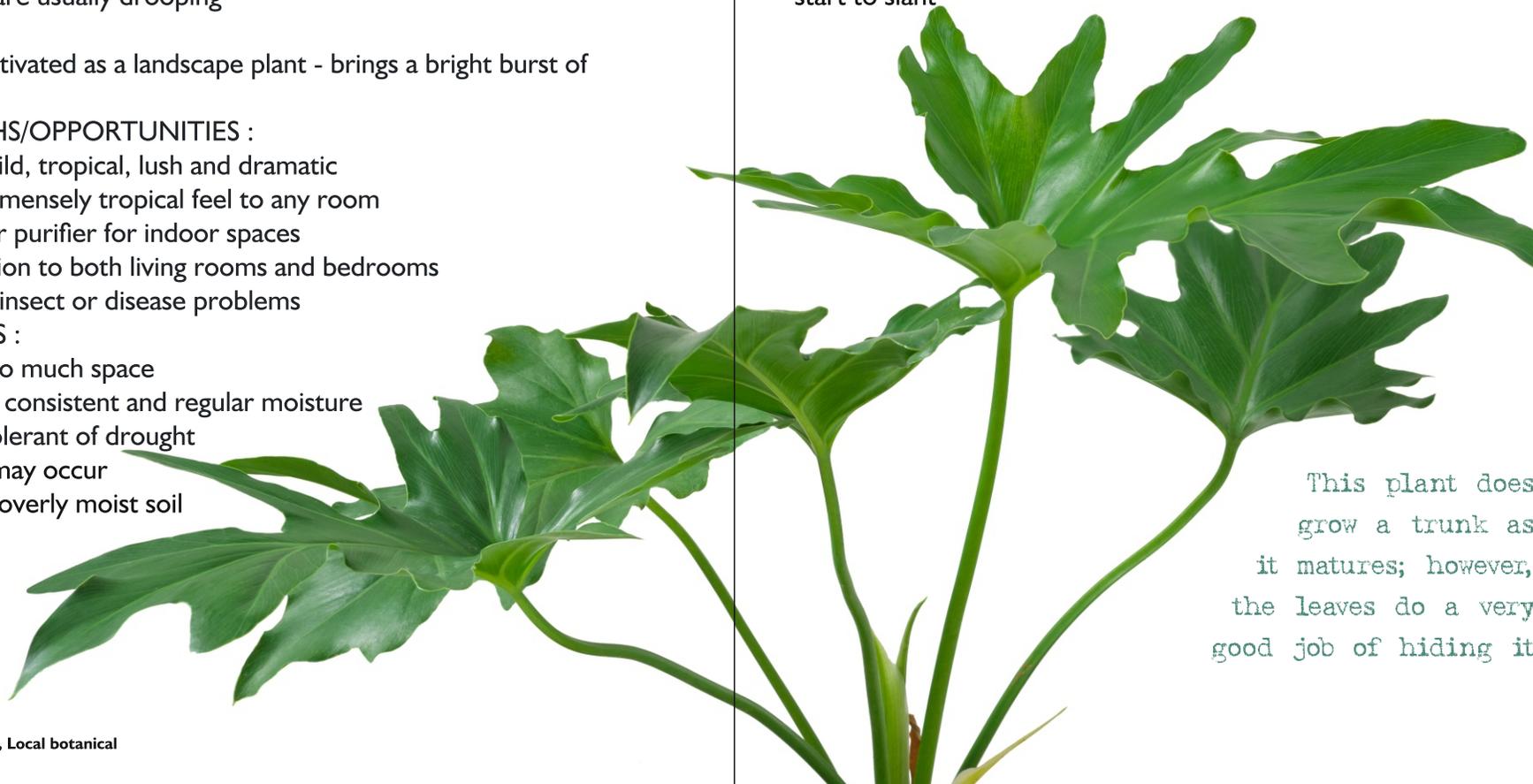
Water requirements: Once a week

Light: Usually grown in full sun, but can tolerate and adapt to deep shade

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Use a light, airy peat based soil

Special care/remarks: Not pet friendly

Rotate container every 2 or 3 days to make sure the stem doesn't start to slant.



This plant does grow a trunk as it matures; however, the leaves do a very good job of hiding it.