

2021 Caladium Bulb Sale

****NEW SELECTION****



**Fancy Leaf
Pink Illusion**



Fancy Leaf
White Christmas



Fancy Leaf
Candidum



Fancy Leaf
Red Flash



Fancy Leaf
Carolyn Whorton

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**Regular Elephant Ear
9-11 inches**



Strap Leaf
Gingerland



Dwarf/Strap Leaf
Miss Muffet



Upright Elephant Ear
7-9 inches



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ORDER FORM

Bulb Name	# of Bulbs Per Set for Price	Total Sets	Total Price
Pink Illusion – fancy leaf (pink) NEW	10 for \$7.00		
White Christmas – fancy leaf (white)	10 for \$7.00		
Candidum – fancy leaf (white)	10 for \$7.00		
Red Flash – fancy leaf (red)	10 for \$7.00		
Carolyn Wharton – fancy leaf (pink)	10 for \$7.00		
Gingerland – strap leaf (green & red)	10 for \$8.00		
Miss Muffett – dwarf/strap leaf (lime green with red veins)	10 for \$8.00		
Elephant Ears – regular - 9”-11” NEW	\$5 each		
Elephant Ears – upright – 7”- 9”	\$7 each		
ORDER TOTAL	---		\$

PLEASE NOTE: Each order is **one set**. For example, 10 Candidums for \$10.00 is **one set**. If you order two sets, you’ll receive 20 bulbs at a total cost of \$20.00. We can only sell bulbs in the increments shown.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
Monday, March 1, 2021

Payment **MUST** Accompany Order

Mail Checks or Money Orders made out to TCMGA to:

Betty Story
2625 Canton Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Bulb pickup arrangements are targeted for early April.
Watch for detailed information in the weekly Master Gardener EBlas

*Questions? Call Betty Story
at 817-319-9359*

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ORDER TOTAL _____

Caladium Tips

EASY PLANTING Plant caladium bulbs about 1½ to 2 inches deep with the knobby side up (these are actually the “eyes” or the growing points). If you can’t tell, then plant the bulb sideways. The bulb will figure it out. (Isn’t nature great?) Water a bit after planting. Caladiums like it moist but not soggy.

BIG TIP Caladiums are a tropical plant. They like it warm. Generally, the bulbs will sleep until the soil temperature is close to 70°. This is generally about the middle of May in Texas. If you plant them too early, you run the risk of rotting the bulbs. They respond to soil temperature.

Store the bulbs in a dry place until you are ready to plant them. Keeping them in your house rather than the garage might be better. Your bulbs are a living organism. Don’t let them get below 55°.

HEIGHT AND COLOR Caladiums in the shade tend to have bigger leaves and want to be taller to catch the light (Fancy Leaf Varieties) as opposed to caladiums in direct sun light that don’t have to work as hard (Strap Leaf Varieties). Colors can vary according to sunlight, food, and soil.

SUN AND SHADE Shade is good. Caladiums like shade. Remember this is Texas. Even though it is stated that some varieties can take the sun that does not mean the hot afternoon western sun. Sun tolerant caladiums generally require more water than caladiums planted in the shade. Dark colored leaves tend to need more water than light colored ones. Overexposure to the sun results in brown edges or brown spots on the leaves.

HOW CLOSE TO PLANT This of course depends on your preference. In pots, the more bulbs, the merrier for a full lush look. In the ground, you may “zigzag” them with about 4 to 5 inches apart for a nice full look. This is strictly up to you.

END OF SEASON When the air temperature goes below 60° and stays there in the fall, pull the bulbs and the leaves. Let them dry for about a week or so, then trim the tops. Store them in a dry warm area (60° or better...in other words inside the house). Keep them in dry paper bags, dry peat moss or onion bags. Don’t use plastic bags because they will trap the moisture. Caladiums bulbs are dormant in the winter. They like to take a nap.