

Lanceleaf Arrowhead

Sagittaria lancifolia

Sagittaria lancifolia is a showy species that is native to Florida. Also known as duck potato, it is the largest of the arrowheads. Its large leaves and conspicuous flowers make it easy to find in the wild. It very commonly grows in swamps, ditches, lake and stream margins and other shallow-water habitats. Duck potato gets its name from the potato-like corms that sometimes form. Corms are bulbous stem parts that grow underground. It is easily recognized by its large, firm, lance-shaped leaves, which are typically 4 inches wide and up to 2 feet long. Lanceleaf arrowhead can be used as an emergent along pond and lake edges or in aquatic gardens. It is not considered salt-tolerant; instead it prefers sand, loam or organic soil. These plants are also reliable perennials to use in restoration areas.

Type: long-lived perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 4 through 11

Uses: reclamation plant; specimen

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 3 to 5 feet **Spread:** 1 to 3 feet

Plant spacing: 3 to 5 feet

Light requirement: full sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: clay; loam; sand; acidic; alkaline; extended flooding; well-drained

Drought tolerance: low to none

Soil salt tolerances: moderate

Aerosol salt tolerances: low to none

Invasive potential: native

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