



Colocasia esculenta

Common Name(s):

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Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Widely cultivated in many different forms.

Features:

Robust perennial to about 2 m tall in good conditions. Very large ovate-cordate leaves to 50 cm long, with the stalk attached well inside the leaf margin. Very variable, leaves and stalks can be white mottled, green, reddish or purple tinged to almost black. The flower is stout and shorter than the petioles. Plants seldom flower and fruit even more rarely.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3725



Caption: Robinson Crusoe Island, Chile

Photographer: John Sawyer



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