

Common Name: Philodendron Rugosum

Thaumatophyllum
Xanadu

Order: Alismatales

Family: Araceae

Genus:
Thaumatophyllum

Species: *Xanadu*



DESCRIPTION

- *Thaumatophyllum xanadu* is a perennial plant
- *Thaumatophyllum*, formerly classified under the *Meconostigma* subgenus of *Philodendron*.
- This plant is native to Brazil, but is widely cultivated as a landscape plant in tropical, subtropical and warm temperate climates
- It eventually forms dense clumps up to 1.5 metres tall by 2 metres wide. It has glossy green, deeply dissected, lobed leaves up to 40 cm long by 30 cm wide. Its flowers have dark red spathes. It may occasionally produce aerial roots
- They contain calcium oxalate crystals in raphide bundles, which are poisonous and irritating. The sap may cause skin irritation. Chewing and/or ingesting parts of the plant may result in severe swelling and compromised respiratory functions.