

Voodoo Lily

Amorphophallus konjac



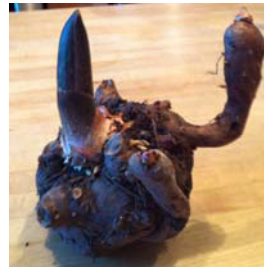
Five-foot specimen in the Conservatory



Close up of petiole



Close up of divided leaf



Corm with off-set



Flower →

Voodoo Lily

Amorphophallus konjac

Family: Araceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous

Leaf Color: dark green

Fall Color: not significant

Flower Time: summer when corm is old enough

Flower Color: red

Fruit: cluster of berries

Light: full sun to part sun

Moisture: well-drained

USDA Hardiness

Zones: 6-10

Insect/Disease Issues:

None serious

Nativity:

China, Indo-China

**Location in the
Gardens:**

Conservatory



Landscape Value:

This unique and exotic “bulb” (it is technically a corm) is a great tropical addition to the landscape. Plants get bigger each year growing up to 6’ tall. Each spring the tender bulb can be planted 1’ to 2’ deep or near the bottom of a large container in late spring. A single large divided leaf emerges with a green and purple mottled stalk. After several years the plant stores up enough energy to produce a large 4 to 6’ flower that resembles a red jack-in-the-pulpit or calla lily. The flower smells strongly to rotting meat adding to the charm! When the foliage dies back in the fall stop watering and keep it dry if in a container or dig it up if in the ground. Resume watering or replant in spring when the plant shows signs of growth again, usually late May.

Notes:

A quick internet search will up bring lots of information about this bulbs reported weight-loss benefits as well as information about its use in Asian cooking. It is closely related to the magnificent and harder to grow Titan Arum (*A. titanium*) which gets 12 foot tall with an equally sized flower!

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec