



CEDAR RIVER GARDEN CENTER

2889 PALO MARSH RD PALO, IA 52324

319.851.2161

WWW.CEDARRIVERGARDENCENTER.COM



Current Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 - 4:00

Extended hours will start when the weather warms.

Thankfully this winter was nothing compared to last. If you are like us, you are craving seeing fresh green leaves and the smell of the soil. The humidity from the greenhouses seems to warm our soul on chilly spring days. Each of the greenhouses has plant material inside. Some of the plants are just a few inches tall, but a refreshing sight all the same.

If you want to visit with staff, now is the time to catch us. In just over a month, most of us will be zipping around keeping the plants happy and meeting the quality needs of our customers. We enjoy being able to slow down and chat with you during our off season.

So, please stop in and say hi!



Lewisia



Intensia Blueberry Phlox from Proven Winners. This pretty pillow of purple is already a showstopper!



Diamond Frost always willing to bloom, Spring to Fall.

Listen Up! Its Time to Learn About Elephant Ears

First appearing in Victorian gardens as an exotic addition Colocasia or Elephant Ears continue to make a statement in today's modern landscapes. These luscious leaves add a hint of the tropics to any garden. Planted in the ground, containers, and even indoors, these popular plants offer constant easy care texture.



'Hawaiian Punch'



'Mammoth'



'Diamond Head'



'White Lava'

There are many types of Elephant Ear. We tend to see two options readily available for retail purchase, the Alocasia and Colocasia.

The difference in the leaves will be the most obvious difference. The stiff leaf stems, or petioles, of Alocasia extend into the leaves. This causes the leaves to follow the line of the petioles. As a result, most Alocasia leaves tend to point upwards. By contrast, the petioles of Colocasia connect down from the notches in the leaves. This enables the leaves to droop or hang at a downward angle (<https://homeguides.sfgate.com/difference-between-alocasia-colocasia-43020.html>).



The tips of the Alocasia are pointing up.



Note the downward pointing tips on the Colocasia.

In our area, Elephant Ears are considered an annual unless dug to winter over.

They prefer shade to light sun and can tolerate a moist soil. Alocasias can tolerate a drier soil than its Colcasia relative. Trim the minimal dead growth to promote growth throughout the summer, and remember to bring the plants indoors in fall to increase their life span. They can be returned to the garden when summer rolls around next year.

Pro Hint: The bulbs can be slow to take off in cool temperatures, but once the soil warms up, be ready for an awesome display that wows all season!



'Black Coral' was a fan favorite in our containers last year! Note: We would be receiving this one in container form, not bulb.

Silver Squill Plant



Growing this architectural plant named Silver Squill is extremely easy. This plant is extremely drought tolerant thanks to the unique bulb-like stem that holds moisture. This interesting plant hails from the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa where it grows in dry savannas. This little ditty enjoys low water and bright indirect light. You can place it outside when our temperatures remain above 60 degrees at night.

The leaves spring from the bulb-like structures and are lance shaped with green spots and purple undersides. In summer, pink stems form bearing small greenish flowers (our are currently blooming).

All parts of this plant are **poisonous** and should be kept away from pets and kids.

Read more at Gardening Know How: Ledebouria Silver Squill – Tips On Caring For Silver Squill Plants

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/bulbs/silver-squill/caring-for-silver-squill-plants.htm>



[Web Version](#)

[Preferences](#)

[Forward](#)

[Unsubscribe](#)

Powered by
[GoDaddy Email Marketing](#)®