



The aroids display such [a diversity](#) of links site of the ecological [types](#) that it is difficult to give detailed info [Aroid Society](#).

For the purposes of the aroids on which we concentrate, which are mainly forest species without a distinct resting phase, even the Amorphophallus. there are two cultural requirements that need to be considered: an ample supply of water and regular feeding.

The moisture needs of the plants means that they should always be grown in moisture retentive but well drained compost that enables copious watering without the problem of waterlogging and subsequent compost deterioration.

After much experimentation we have found the following mixes work well for almost all species when grown in containers:

All seedlings, young plants and mature plants of the smaller growing species are grown

- 1 part ground (milled) sphagnum moss
- 1 part perlite
- 1 part charcoal (1-2.5cm pieces + dust)

Mature plants of the larger species (e.g., *Alocasia*, *Homalium*, *A. scharlachense* c. 20cm leaf diam., moved into:

- 1 part perlite
- 1 part charcoal (1-2.5cm pieces + dust)
- 1 part sterilized mineral soil

Climbing aroids established as members of plants in a mix of:

1 part ground (milled) sphagnum moss
1 part perlite

and then planted out at the base of trees and allowed to begin vining. If they are to be kept permanently in pots then they need to be provided with a suitable climbing pole. We find that rough saw wooden pots, which must be raw wood and not treated with preservative, are the best support as they provide an excellent surface for the climbing roots. Plants that reach the top of the support can be gently trained to grow down the support and then up again, although you may find that plants trained in this manner, rather than allowed to continue an uninterrupted ascent, may be reluctant to produce mature leaves.

All our aroids are fertilized once a week within a 10:10:10 + micronutrients at the lowest recommended concentration. On feeding day plants are watered with plain water in the morning and given the diluted feed when still wet in the afternoon.

We are very happy to answer specific questions regarding cultivation needs for the aroids by [email](#).