



# Elephant's Foot

(*Dioscorea Elephantipes*)

- Perennial deciduous caudiciform
- Slow-growing, long-living succulent with tuber above ground level covered with layers of corky bark known as the caudex ~ can grow up to 6ft in nature and resemble an elephant's foot
- Stems grown in a climbing fashion ~ leaves are heart-shaped and pale greenish-yellow appearing in the winter
- Distinct feature: most Elephants Foot specimens are much smaller but a mature specimen's weight can reach in the hundreds of pounds, and up to 7 feet in diameter
- The large and partially exposed tuberous stem is woody-looking, firm in texture but succulent within
- Caudex prefers partial sun or shade while the vine can grow in full sun
- Plant in a shallow pot filled with a porous, well-draining potting soil ~ water around the edges of the pot and not directly on the tuber

