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*Philodendron scandens* f. *micans*

**VELVET-LEAVED PHILODENDRON** is an evergreen climbing shrub. Native from Mexico and the Caribbean to south-eastern Brazil, it has spikes (or spadices) of tiny fleshy white flowers shielded by fleshy, often red and purple-marked, white to greenish-yellow leaflike spathes.

It is also known as Heart-leaf philodendron, and Velvet-leaf philodendron.

Warning – species in this genus can be poisonous if eaten.

*Scandens* is derived from Latin *scandere* (climbing) meaning ‘climbing or twining’. *Micans* means ‘slightly metallic, glittering, or sparkling’.