

*Thaumatococcus xanadu*

**Scientific classification** 

Kingdom : Plantae  
Clade : Angiosperms  
Clade : Monocots  
Order : Alismatales  
Family : Araceae  
Genus : *Thaumatococcus*  
Species : *T. xanadu*



**Description**

*Thaumatococcus xanadu* is a plant that belongs to the family Araceae and the genus *Thaumatococcus*, which was previously placed in the subgenus *Meconostigma*, as one of three subgenera within the genus *Philodendron*. This plant is native to Brazil, but is widely cultivated as a landscape plant in tropical, subtropical and warm temperate climates. **Thaumatococcus xanadu** eventually forms dense clumps up to 1.5 metres tall by 2 metres wide. It has deeply dissected, lobed leaves up to 40 cm long by 30 cm wide glossy green leaves. Its flowers have dark red spathes. It may occasionally produce aerial roots.

**Medicinal uses**

The roots are used as a drastic purgative .

The seeds have medicinal uses.

In the Amazon area of Brazil, the roots of different species of *Philodendron* are used as the traditional medicine.