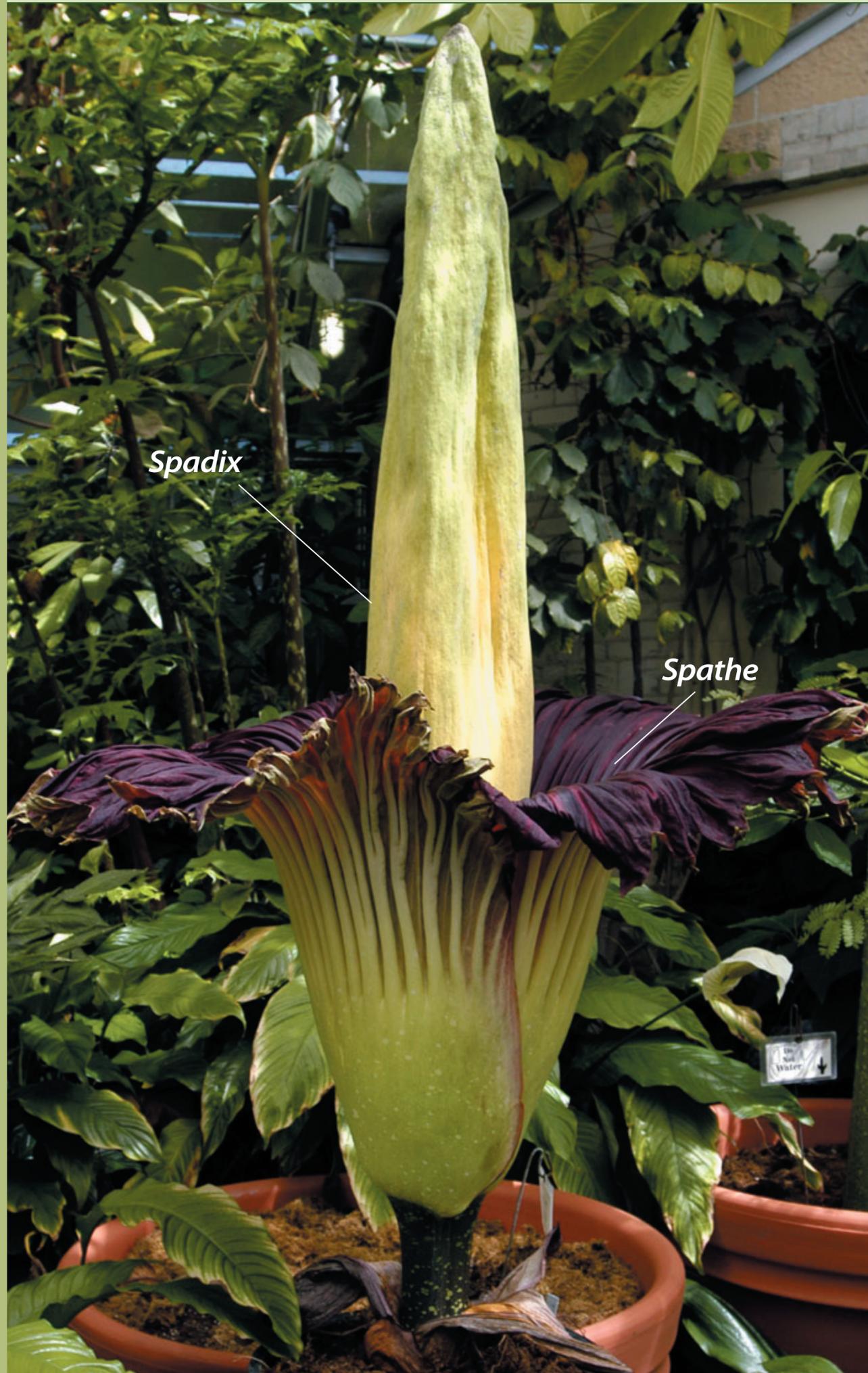


TITAN ARUM

Amorphophallus titanum



"CRONUS"

- ◆ The Titan grows in the rain forest, and is becoming more rare due to habitat destruction and illegal collection.
- ◆ It produces the largest unbranched, inflorescence (structure containing multiple flowers) in the world. The largest of these ever recorded was over 9.5 feet tall.
- ◆ The inflorescence is made up of the spathe and spadix (contains hundreds of tiny male and female flowers).
- ◆ The spathe will open about 3 weeks after the bud tip appears, and only lasts 24-48 hours.
- ◆ A strong odor is released at peak bloom (when spathe open), and will attract pollinators such as carrion beetles, sweat beetles and flesh flies.
- ◆ After the "bloom" dies, a large leaf (can be 12 feet tall) will appear for about a year. When it dies, the plant is dormant (rests) before the process starts again.

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