



Spadix: A thick or fleshy spike-like inflorescence with small, massed flowers and usually enclosed by a bract called a spathe. Spadices (plural) are illustrated below.

Anthurium species (Flamingo flower): Spathe is flat, leaving spadix completely revealed.



Calla palustris (Wild calla): Spathe wraps more closely around the spadix, partially obscuring it.



Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit): Spathe wraps around spadix almost completely hiding it.



Caladium hybrid (Caladium): Spathe closed around the base of the spadix (arrow) and more open at the top.

