

Dracaena marginata

(Red-Edged Dracaena , Madagascar)

Native to Madagascar, *Dracaena marginata* is the classic houseplant for most locations. Under warm conditions the plant can be planted outside also. The leaves are long, linear, narrow, attached to the stem without a stalk. The stems or trunks usually are un-branched when young, eventually branching when mature to form spreading, vase-shaped trees. Flowers are fragrant, small and followed by yellow-orange berries. But flowers and berries rarely produced as a houseplant. *Dracaena* does not like direct light, best growing condition is partial sun or shade, moist but not wet soil. The most famous variety is the 'Tricolor' which has green-yellow-red leaves.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Dragonnier de Madagascar

Pronunciation: druh-SEE-nuh mar-jin-NAY-tuh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Hybrid Origin, Africa- Madagascar

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12

Uses: Specimen, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 20 - 30

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Fleshy

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Yellow

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Leaf Spots, Root rot

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Thrips, Caterpillars, Scales

Plant Propagations: Cutting
