

Dieffenbachia species

(Dumbcane)

Dumb cane is native to tropical America, Brazil. All parts of this plant are poisonous if eaten and its sap may cause skin irritation. It is commonly grown as a houseplant. The leaves are large, waxy and mottled with white, cream or yellow. Flowers and fruits don’t have any importance. Needs to planted in bright but never direct sunlight. Can resist some drought. A rich, moist and well-drained soil is perfect. Snails and slugs may find dumb-cane leaves especially tasty. Could be planted outdoor with extremely warm-hot conditions otherwise used as indoor plant.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation:	deef-en-BACK-ee-uh species
Plant Type:	Shrub
Origin:	Tropical America, Brazil
Heat Zones:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones:	11, 12, 13
Uses:	Specimen, Indoor, Container
Size/Shape	
Growth Rate:	Fast
Tree Shape:	Upright
Canopy Symmetry:	Irregular
Canopy Density:	Open
Canopy Texture:	Coarse
Height at Maturity:	1 to 1.5 m
Spread at Maturity:	1 to 1.5 meters
Time to Ultimate Height:	2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Brachidodrome

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 20 - 30

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Variegated

Color(changing season): Variegated

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Spadix

Flower Scent: Unpleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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