

Aglaonema commutatum

(Aglaonema, Chinese evergreen)

Chinese evergreen is an evergreen perennial that resembles a lot to dieffenbachia (dumb cane) in appearance. It typically grows to 60-80 cm. The leaves are thick, elliptic shaped, dark green with attractive silver-gray patches, lines on it. As a interior plants it rarely flowers. In its origin it produces a white spadix (typical arum family) enclosed by a pale green spathe, usually in late summer to early fall. Later on a clusters of red berries follow the flowers. Prefers diffused sun or good indirect light and well-drained acidic soil. All parts of plant are poisonous if ingested. Handling plant may cause skin irritation or allergic reaction. Aglaonema attractive planted as single specimens, or in mass to create a tropical, coarse-textured effect. Do not overwater it may cause root rotting.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: ag-lay-o-NEE-muh kom-yoo-TAY-tum

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Philippines, Borneo

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 12, 13

Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Indoor, Container, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years

Notes

Many varieties are available in the market with different leaf pattern.

' Green lady'-green and white leag

' Aurora' - green and orange leaf

' Silver queen'- silver and green leaf

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Sagittate - Arrow

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Waxy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Variegated

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Spadix

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5, 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: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: High, Moderate

Light Requirements: Shade

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

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

Edible Parts:

Pests: Mites, Aphids, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Division

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