

## 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

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### 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

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#### 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

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#### Trunk

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

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#### 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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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** High, Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Shade

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#### 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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Fruit Image