

## Dracaena draco

### (Dragon tree, Dragon's blood)

peculiar red sap, this tropical succulent tree is most unusual. It is native to just a small area on the Canary Islands off the west coast of Africa. Plants there withstand incredible drought and high humidity. In habitat they grow to a great age.



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Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Le dragonnier des Canaries

**Pronunciation:** dra-SEE-nah DRAY-koh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Canary island

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Specimen, Indoor, Container

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 5 to 8 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 3 to 5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** More than 50 Years

#### Notes

At about 10–15 years of age the stem stops growing and produces a flower spike with white, lily-like perfumed flowers, followed by coral berries. Soon a crown of terminal buds appears and the plant starts branching. Each branch grows for about 10–15 years and re-branches, so a mature plant has an umbrella-like habit. It grows slowly, requiring about ten years to reach 1.2 metres (4 ft) in height but can grow much faster

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 30 - 50

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** Over 20

**Flower Type:** Raceme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White

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#### Trunk

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Orange

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Scales

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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