

## Aspidistra elatior

### (Cast Iron Plant, Aspidistra)

Aspidistra is a clump forming herbaceous plant from China. It has an upright form with a glossy dark green leaves. The coarse foliage produces a bold, tropical effect year-round in warm climates . The flower and the fruit are inconspicuous and not showy. It is known for its ability to withstand deep shade. It grows on a well drained acidic soil. It is very tough, thrives even on neglected sites. Drought and salt resistant. With a bit of care and fertilizer it will give spectacular result. In frost exposed locations, the leaves are very susceptible to winter burn.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Aspidistra, Aspidistre plus élevée, Belle-mère

**Pronunciation:** ass-pid-DISS-truh ee-LAY-tee-or

**Plant Type:** Groundcover

**Origin:** China

**Heat Zones:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

**Uses:** Mass Planting, Indoor, Container

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 meter

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 2 to 5 Years

#### Notes

The plants gives a perfect filling effect in shady area.

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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:** Lanceolate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Purple

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

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

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Shade

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

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

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Division

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