

Botanical Name: Hedychium coronarium

Common Name: White ginger, Butterfly lily

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Zingiberaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, upright plant with broad, tropical-looking foliage
on thick stems; white fragrant flowers sit atop stems in warm season

Height to 8 feet Spread 5 feet Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade preferred - benefits from a protected location

Soil prefers a soil with generous amounts of organic matter

Hardiness Some frost - Zones 8,9, 14-17, 19-24

Morphology:

Leaves broad, parallel-veined leaves with a prominent midrib; to
2 ft. long, 5" wide, arranged alternately along stem

Flowers white, fragrant flowers on terminal spikes to 1 ft. long;
flowers to 4" across, sometimes tinged yellow in lower lobes

Fruit 3-valved capsule

Propagation: division

Usage: tropical filler for fragrant flowers, large containers, near
pools, in atrium gardens; plants will spread into large areas if uncontained

Landscape Care:

Watering need generous watering - looks poor when allowed to dry out

Fertilizing slow release feeding in spring to increase growth

Pruning remove dead stems and flowers; control spreading stems

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other plants will die back to ground after frost, resprout in spring

Origin: Tropical Asia