

Botanical Name: Zingiber darceyi

Common Name: California ginger

Type of Plant: monocot: houseplant Family Zingiberaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spawling, upright, shrubby houseplant with jointed stems and fan-like sprays of petioles forming clusters of foliage

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure indoors prefers bright light, high humidity indoors

Soil average potting soil

Hardiness tender to frost, needs protected conditions indoors

Morphology:

Leaves oblong, to 8" long, 2" across, oblique creamy stripes cross irregularly through leaf blades

Flowers deep red tubular flowers on mature specimens

Fruit 3-valved capsule

Propagation: division, stem cuttings

Usage: primarily as a specimen plant for foliage and form; striking as a single container plant or in mass plantings in atriums, indoor gardens or mall planter areas

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular watering; use bottled water occasionally

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back occasionally to control size; can be cut back severely

Pests/Diseases salt burn, mealybugs

Other

Origin: Tropical Asia