

Botanical Name: Dichorisandra thyrsiflora

Common Name: Blue ginger

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Commelinaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Clumping upright monocot perennial which resembles an oversize

Wandering jew with clusters of deep blue flowers at the ends of the branches

Height to 6 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial to full shade

Soil prefers rich, moist, well-drained soil with plenty of organic matter

Hardiness Tender (Zones 23 and 24) sometimes grown as greenhouse plant

Morphology:

Leaves elliptic to lanceolate, spirally arranged on stem, to 12" long,

dark green and fleshy; somewhat undulate margin

Flowers deep blue flowers in terminal racemes held above foliage; flowers

each 1/4" across, 3-petaled

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, division

Usage: specimen in tropical gardens, for showy flowers in warm season,

also useful as a container or patio plant in a tropical theme landscape; good as

a background or filler plant

Landscape Care:

Watering need ample watering, not drought tolerant

Fertilizing occasional doses of balanced, half-strength fertilizer

Pruning remove dead flowers and dead leaves; pinch to induce branching

Pests/Diseases mealybug, scale, whitefly

Other

Origin: Brazil