

Botanical Name: Dracaena marginata

Common Name: Madagascar dragon tree

Type of Plant: monocot: houseplant Family Liliaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, slender plant with smooth gray stems, dark green grassy
leaves with reddish margins; plant tends to lose its lower leaves early in its
life

Height to 12 ft. Spread to 5 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure indoor prefers moderately bright light, but will survive in low light

Soil takes average potting soil; provide excellent drainage

Hardiness tender outdoors (zones 21, 23 and 24); very durable indoors

Morphology:

Leaves slender pointed leaves to 2 ft. long, sharply pointed at apex, to
1/2" wide, with a narrow purple stripe along each margin ('Tricolor' has yellow also)

Flowers panicle of small white flowers - seldom seen indoors

Fruit small drupe

Propagation: stem cuttings, air layering

Usage: medium to large scale foliage plant used for striking branch structure
and contrasting foliage; often used as a room divider or large accent plant in an
office or large indoor space

Landscape Care:

Watering keep fairly dry, can get root rot when over-watered; does not
require high humidity

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, monthly applications

Pruning remove dead leaves

Pests/Diseases mealybugs, scale

Other

Origin: Tropical Africa