

Botanical Name: Hedychium gardnerianum

Common Name: Kahili ginger

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Zingiberaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, upright plant with broad, tropical-looking foliage  
on thick stems; dense spikes of yellow flowers are produced in late summer

Height to 8 feet Spread to 8 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  
18" long, 6" wide, arranged alternately along stem

Flowers yellow fragrant flowers in dense terminal spikes to 1 ft.  
long; flowers to 1" across with long, protruding red stamens

Fruit 3-valved capsule

Propagation: division

Usage: large scale tropical filler for tropical flowers, large  
containers, near pools, in atrium gardens; plants will spread into large areas if  
not contained; invasive pest in Hawaiian Islands

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: Northern India, Nepal, Bhutan