

Botanical Name: Dracaena draco

Common Name: Dragon tree

Type of Plant: monocot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, single-trunked plant, becoming sparsely branched with age to form an open irregular canopy; trunk develops fleshy appearance; foliage is clustered at branch tips

Height 10-20' (30') Spread 1/2-3/4 Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; grows poorly in full shade

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24); thrives in warm, dry habitats

Morphology:

Leaves thick, fleshy, blue-green, sword-shaped, 3'-4' long, arising in whorled clusters at the ends of fleshy branches

Flowers white, 1/2-3/4" diameter, in erect 2-3' panicles; summer

Fruit a capsule: 3/4-1" long, oval, leathery

Propagation: seed

Usage: an excellent small accent tree suitable for tropical or desert-style landscape themes; valued for unusual form and dramatic foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; avoid heavily irrigation unless drainage is excellent

Fertilizing as need - very little required

Pruning remove old dead leaves and flower stalks

Pests/Diseases relatively free; root and crown rot in wet heavy soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Can. Islands Family: Agavaceae