

Botanical Name: Dieffenbachia amoena

Common Name: Giant dumbcane

Type of Plant: monocot: houseplant Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large upright plant with a very thick trunk and very

large tropical leaves spotted with yellowish blotches

Height to 6' Spread to 4' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure indoor likes moderate light indoors -- thrives at 200-400 FC

Soil average potting soil/prefers excellent drainage

Hardiness looks best in fairly high humidity and moderate light

Morphology:

Leaves elliptic -- oblong, to 2' long, with creamy white splotches

along primary lateral veins -- petioles to 12' long

Flowers spadix -- spathe to 8" long, greenish, spadix white

Fruit small berry

Propagation: air layering, stem cuttings, cane cuttings

Usage: used as a single or multi-trunk specimen plant for

large pots, raised planters or room dividers -- tree-like plant for

tropical effects.

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular watering -- will die if over-watered

constantly

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, twice monthly

Pruning remove dead lower leaves

Pests/Diseases root rot, spider mite, mealybug

Special Conditions high light and humidity keep lower leaves longer

Origin: Trop Amer Family: Araceae