

Botanical Name: Ctenanthe oppenheimiana

Common Name: Giant bamburanta (California ginger)

Type of Plant: Monocot: perennial Family Marantaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spawling, semi-upright plant with jointed stems and fan-like sprays of petioles forming dense clusters of foliage

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor prefers bright light and high humidity indoors

Soil average potting soil

Hardiness tender to frost, needs protected conditions outdoors

Morphology:

Leaves oblong, to 8" long, 2" across, oblique creamy stripes cross irregularly through leaf blades

Flowers small white flowers form in bracts clustered near the ends of stems, less than 1/4" across

Fruit tiny inconspicuous capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings root easily

Usage: specimen for foliage and form, striking as a single plant or in mass plantings in atrium gardens, mall planters or under the shade of trees; provides a very tropical groundcover

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; flush salts from soil occasionally for best appearance

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back occasionally to control size; tolerates severe

Pests/Diseases salt burn, mealybugs

Other _____

Origin: Brazil