

Dracaena reflexa 'Variegata'



Genus: Dracaena
Family: Asparagaceae
Order: Asparagales
Class: Monocots
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Toxic to pets (can cause vomiting, drooling, and appetite loss). Non-toxic to humans.

Invasiveness: Not invasive in Cyprus.

Plant Type: Evergreen shrub or small tree.

Lifespan: Perennial.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: 1–3 meters indoors; up to 4 meters outdoors.

Spread: 0.5–1.5 meters.

Leaf Color: Striking green leaves with yellow or cream-colored edges, arranged spirally.

Bloom Time: Rare indoors; produces small, fragrant white flowers outdoors in mature plants.

Growth Rate: Moderate.

Distribution:

Origin: Madagascar and surrounding islands in the Indian Ocean.

Habitat: Tropical and subtropical regions.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Toughness: Hardy and adaptable, making it a great choice for beginners.

Maintenance: Low (occasional pruning and leaf cleaning).

Watering: Allow the top 2–3 cm of soil to dry out before watering. Avoid overwatering as this can lead to root rot.

Pruning: Prune to maintain shape, encourage bushy growth, and remove dead or damaged leaves.

Propagation: By stem cuttings or air layering.

Repotting: Repot every 2–3 years or when roots become crowded.

Conditions:

Temperature: Thrives between 18°C and 28°C. Protect from frost.

Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 10–12.

Sun Requirements: Prefers bright, indirect light but can tolerate partial shade. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves.

Soil Type: Well-draining potting mix; slightly acidic to neutral pH (6–7).

Use: Ornamental plant for indoor decoration, office spaces, container planting, and tropical landscaping.

Location: Ideal for indoor spaces, patios, and warm, humid gardens.

