

Dracaena warneckii (Striped Dracaena)



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

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Toxic to pets (can cause vomiting, drooling, and lethargy if ingested). Non-toxic to humans.

Invasiveness: Not invasive in Cyprus.

Plant Type: Evergreen shrub.

Lifespan: Perennial.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: 0.5–2 meters indoors; taller if grown outdoors.

Spread: 0.5–1 meter.

Leaf Color: Long, sword-shaped leaves with green and white or cream stripes.

Bloom Time: Rare indoors; small white flowers may appear on mature outdoor plants.

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate.

Distribution:

Origin: Tropical Africa.

Habitat: Humid, warm regions with partial shade.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy.

Toughness: Low-maintenance and drought-tolerant.

Maintenance: Low (occasional pruning and cleaning of leaves).

Watering: Allow the top 2–3 cm of soil to dry out between waterings. Water less frequently in winter. Avoid overwatering, as it can cause root rot.

Pruning: Trim dead or yellowing leaves to maintain a neat appearance.

Propagation: Propagate easily through stem cuttings placed in water or soil.

Repotting: Repot every 2–3 years or when roots outgrow the container.

Conditions:

Temperature: Thrives in 18°C–30°C. Protect from temperatures below 10°C.

Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 10–12.

Sun Requirements: Prefers bright, indirect light. Can tolerate low light but grows slower. Avoid direct sunlight to prevent leaf scorch.

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

Use: Ornamental plant for indoor decoration, office spaces, container planting, and low-maintenance landscapes.

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

