

Botanical name:
Genus: Cordyline
Species: fruticosa

Common Name(s):
Ti plant, cabbage tree
Latin Family Name:
Asparagaceae
English Family Name:
Asparagus

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native habitat of tropical Southeast Asia, Eastern Australia and some Pacific islands including Hawaii

Growth habit: Typically grows as a short tree or shrub

Flower description: Scented, white to pale lavender flowers that are followed by red berries

Houseplants rarely flower and fruit

Blooming period/availability: Evergreen

Leaf/Foliage Description: Large and stunning foliage with shades of pale pink, green, purple or deep red depending on the cultivar
This is a long-lived broadleaf evergreen that features thin lance shaped leaves

Used as cut flower foliage

Usage: Ti plant can be relatively easy to grow indoors as long as its high humidity needs can be met

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

As an indoor plant, it does very well with the consistent, comfortable indoor temperatures found in most homes and office settings
Good for outdoor gardens as it adds colour to the garden

Fairly easy to maintain

WEAKNESS:

Does better in full sunlight than interiors



TRIVIA: There are 15 different cordyline plant varieties. Some of them prefer slightly different conditions than others

Care & Handling

Longevity: Long lived plant

Water requirements: Hawaiian Ti likes consistently moist soil and high humidity

Give it a good watering when the soil surface has dried out

Light: Plants need bright indirect light, but tolerate light shade

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Best in a well-drained, peaty potting mixture.

Special care/remarks: Leaves of this plant have been used in Hawaii to make hula skirts

