

Botanical name:
Genus: *Dieffenbachia*
Species: *amoena*

Common Name(s):
Dumb cane

Latin Family Name: Araceae
English Family Name: Arum

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to New World Tropics: Mexico, West Indies and all the way south to Argentina.

Growth habit: Exotic looking monocot, will grow up to six feet tall

Flower description: Although this plant will occasionally produce buds it will only bloom in perfect conditions
These blooms are green and rather unimpressive

Blooming period/availability:

Leaf/Foliage Description: Known for their showy wide, bushy leaves. The beauty of the dumb cane plant comes from the unique pattern found on every leaf

Each plant features leaves which are yellow near their vein, abruptly turning a dark green toward the edge of the leaf. This transition is random, even within the same leaf, creating ribbons and spots of yellow and green along the leaf's body

Usage: As they are generally large and showy plants they are widely cultivated as decorative plants

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

There are many varieties of *Dieffenbachia*, from small, almost dwarf types (best for table-tops) to large plants (best used as floor plants)

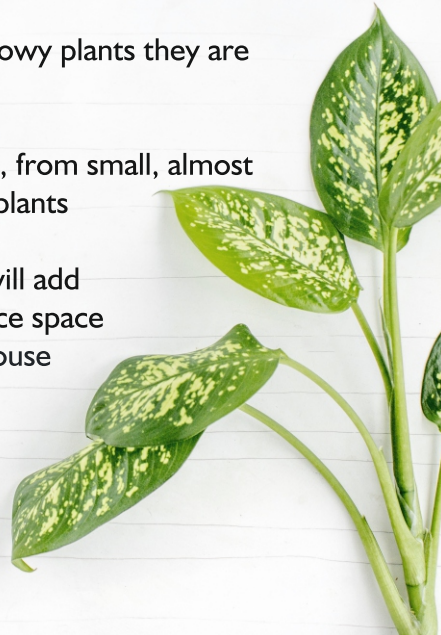
Showy and elegant, its patterned foliage will add color and dimension to your home or office space

Dieffenbachia amoena is a very popular house plant due to its easy going nature

Low maintenance !

WEAKNESS:

People may find it too common



Care & Handling

Longevity: Long lasting and a hardy plant

Water requirements: For the best results, keep the dumb cane plant's top inch of soil moist at all times

It will tolerate extended periods of watering neglect

Light: This plant prefers, bright, indirect sunlight for optimal growth
It will accept lighting conditions up to full shade and continue stunted growth

Full sun will burn the leaves

Soil/Nutrition requirements: This plant is not picky about its soil conditions

Special care/remarks: This plant is poisonous, and should not be permitted near children or pets (cats & dogs)

Always make sure to wash hands after handling plants; keep hands away from eyes & mouth

Dumb cane gets its name from the temporary speechlessness that can occur after chewing a piece of the stem

