

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus: Dracaena**  
**Species: fragrans**

**Common Name(s):** Dracaena

**Latin Family Name:**

Dracaenaceae

**English Family Name:** Dracaena

### The plant

**Origin; country or region:** Native to throughout tropical Africa

**Growth habit:** A slow growing shrub

**Flower description:** Insignificant

**Blooming period/availability:** NA

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** Attractive strap-like leaves that emerge in a fountain-like cluster from a thick woody stem

**Usage :** Often grown as a specimen plant

**STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

Make striking centre pieces in plant arrangements

They come in many shapes, heights and varieties

Dracaenas are usually tough, carefree houseplants

Plant diseases are very rarely a problem

**WEAKNESS:**

Sensitive to less watering

(leaves can yellow)

Tips of the leaves can turn brown/yellow

Do better indoors than outdoors



Some common *Dracaena fragrans* varieties

*D. fragrans* 'massangeana'

*D. fragrans* 'lindenii'

*D. fragrans* 'victoria' or 'victoriae'

### Care & Handling

**Longevity:** 3-5 years

**Water requirements:** Keep compost dry, do not let it dry out

**Light:** Indirect bright light, do best in light shade or gentle filtered sunlight

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** Regular soil and fertilizing

### Special care/remarks:

*Dracaena marginata* (Dragon tree plant) has thinner, grasslike leaves that fountain off of multiple thick stems

