

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus: *Dracaena***  
**Species: *reflexa***

**Common Name(s):**  
Song of India  
**Latin Family Name:**  
Dracaenaceae  
**English Family Name:** Dracaena

Formerly known as *Pleomele reflexa*

### The plant

**Origin; country or region:** it is a beautiful shrub of tropical Asia, Southeast Asia, and Australia

**Growth habit:** Song of India plant can survive in near-drought conditions

**Flower description (if applicable):** NA, rarely flowers

**Colour:** Dark green and variegated varieties are available

**Blooming period and/or availability (if applicable):** All year long

**Stem:** Younger stems are green, older stems become woody and brown in colour

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** Colourful, evergreen.

These glossy, striped leaves can shoot up to one foot long and a few inches wide

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

### STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Make striking centre pieces in plant arrangements

They come in many shapes, heights and varieties

Do well indoors & outdoors

Dracaenas are usually tough, carefree houseplants

Plant diseases are very rarely a problem

### WEAKNESS:

Slow growing

Sensitive to less watering

Sheds leaves

Tips of the leaves can turn brown/yellow or wilt

The name DRACAENA Comes from the Greek word

'DRAKAINA' means female dragon



If you're too busy to water plants,  
this one will survive  
It's sensitive to salt spray and coastal waters,  
so plant in an interior garden if you leave  
near the ocean

### Care & Handling

**Longevity:** 3-5 years

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

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

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** A peaty, well-drained potting mix is best and regular fertilizing

**Special care/remarks:** Toxic to cats & dogs



It is cultivated as ornamental and the area where it grows has a delightful fragrance.