

# Corn Plant

## *Dracaena fragrans*

Corn Plant's broad evergreen leaves have a wide, central yellow stripe and form a heavy but graceful tropical clump, suitable for low-maintenance container culture or specimen planting. Extremely fragrant flowers are occasionally produced and open at night. Corn plant requires shade and is tolerant of drought and a wide variety of soil types but prefers an organic soil. Do not overwater as root rot can cause plant death.

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INFORMATION**

**Type:** Perennial House Plant

**USDA hardiness zones:** 10B through 11

**Uses:** mass planting; specimen; container; suitable for growing indoors; accent

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Height:** 5 to 15 feet      **Spread:** 2 to 3 feet

**Plant spacing:** 18 to 24 inches

**Light requirement:** shade

**Soil tolerances:** loam; clay; sand; acidic; slightly alkaline; well-drained

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** poor

**Invasive potential:** low

**Pest resistance:** mites, thrips and chewing insects are a problem, sensitive to leaf spot diseases and root rot



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