



Santa Rosa County Cooperative Extension Teaching and Demonstration Gardens



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.

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

MORE INFORMATION

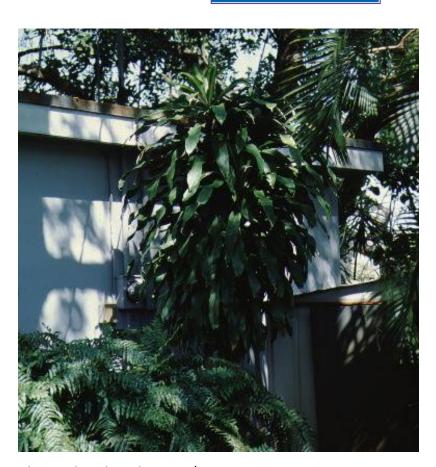


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