

# Gold Dust Dracaena

## *Dracaena godseffiana*

Gold Dust Dracaena, also known as 'Florida Beauty' and also known as *Dracaena surculosa*, is an excellent choice for those who want a hardy but stunning houseplant that tolerates heavy pruning and neglect. It is a shrub-like plant native to the tropical rainforest region of western Africa. It has large, bright green leaves with yellow speckles that lighten and turn white as the plant matures. Although USDA lists it as perennial in zones 9-11 it is most often grown as a houseplant. **Although poison severity is low, Gold Dust Dracaena is toxic to humans, cats, and dogs if ingested.**

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INFORMATION**

**Type:** herbaceous perennial

**USDA hardiness zones:** 9 through 11

**Uses:** houseplant; specimen

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 2 to 3 feet **Spread:** 3 to 4 feet

**Plant spacing:** 3 to 5 feet

**Light requirement:** bright but indirect

**Soil tolerances:** sandy loam;  
medium drained to wet

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** none

**Invasive potential:** not invasive

**Pest resistance:** susceptible to pest damage



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