

# Hidden Ginger

*Curcuma petiolaris*

Hidden ginger, aka Queen Lily, is in the Zingiberaceae family. It is in the same genus *Curcuma* as turmeric but is hardier, non-edible, and used as an ornamental. These tropical beauties are herbaceous perennials that are native to Malaysia. They will grow well and overwinter in USDA planting zones 8 to 10.

**Type:** herbaceous perennial, non-edible  
ornamental, low maintenance

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8 through 10

**Uses:** plant in containers or mix in borders

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 1 to 3 feet **Spread:** 1 to 1.5 feet

**Plant spacing:** 1 to 2 feet

**Light requirement:** full sun to partial shade

**Soil tolerances:** well-drained soil, moist

**Drought tolerance:** high, once established

**Soil salt tolerances:** good

**Invasive potential:** spreads via rhizomes

**Pest resistance:** deer resistant, but slugs and snails may eat its new leaves

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