



Red Button Ginger

Costus woodsonii

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Scarlet Spiral Flag, Indian Head Ginger

Description:

A beautiful plant with spiraled stems and broadly oval deep green glossy foliage; the bracts of the flowers are deep red and stand out against the foliage; easy to grow and flowers most of the year; excellent for patio pots, or massed on the landscape

Features & Attributes

Red Button Ginger features showy spikes of orange flag-like flowers with yellow overtones and ruby-red bracts at the ends of the stems from mid winter to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive glossy oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a shapely oval form. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Red Button Ginger can be expected to grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It prefers to grow in average to moist soil. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.



Red Button Ginger flowers
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There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A TROPICAL PLANT AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --