Dragon Tails Green Dragon

Pinellia tripartita 'Dragon Tails'

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 15 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Variegated Green Dragon, Voodo Lily

Description:

An interesting shade groundcover producing deeply lobed lime green leaves that are splashed with yellow; green and yellow flowers, similar to jack-in-the-pulpits, have tall whips rising from the tops, and bloom all summer; a great woodland groundcover

Ornamental Features

Dragon Tails Green Dragon features unusual lime green tubular flowers with yellow overtones at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. Its attractive lobed leaves remain lime green in color with showy yellow variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Dragon Tails Green Dragon is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.



Dragon Tails Green Dragon
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Dragon Tails Green Dragon flowers
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This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Dragon Tails Green Dragon is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



Dragon Tails Green Dragon foliage
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Planting & Growing

Dragon Tails Green Dragon will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 15 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Dragon Tails Green Dragon is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.