Goldstar Dracaena

Dracaena warneckii 'Goldstar'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10

Other Names: Gold Star Dracaena

Description:

A popular patio plant that is easy to grow and care for; produces striking blue-green, sword shaped leaves with lime green edges and white stripes; great for beds in frost free climates; tolerates low light areas

Ornamental Features

Goldstar Dracaena's attractive glossy sword-like leaves remain bluish-green in color with distinctive lime green edges and tinges of white throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The dark green stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Goldstar Dracaena is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Goldstar Dracaena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Goldstar Dracaena
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Goldstar Dracaena foliage
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Planting & Growing

Goldstar Dracaena will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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 type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Goldstar Dracaena is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.