Cardamom

Elettaria cardamomum

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10

Other Names: Green Cardamom, True Cardamom

Description:

An attractive, aromatic, herbaceous tropical evergreen in the Ginger family; the seeds are traded as a spice around the world; does not flower or fruit in semi-tropical or temperate climates; a great houseplant for low light; provide some humidity indoors

Features & Attributes

Cardamom's attractive fragrant sword-like compound leaves emerge light green, turning bluish-green in color throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.



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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Cardamom can be expected to grow to be about 3 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 20 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 is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. The surface of the soil should be kept consistently moist all of the time, and you should expect to water this plant two or more times each week, especially if it's growing in a low-humidity environment. 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 type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

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.

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