Nagoya Stars Cast Iron Plant

Aspidistra oblanceifolia 'Nagoya Stars'



Nagoya Stars Cast Iron Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

This variety is as tough as its name; narrow, arching, dark green foliage is dramatically spotted in yellow; interesting red flowers appear at the base of the foliage; an excellent deep shade groundcover; a very tolerant plant. easy to grow and maintain

Ornamental Features

Nagoya Stars Cast Iron Plant's attractive glossy sword-like leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive yellow spots throughout the year on a plant with an arching habit of growth. It has coral-pink star-shaped flowers with white overtones and black eyes dangling from the stems from early to late summer, which are interesting on close inspection.



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Landscape Attributes

Nagoya Stars Cast Iron Plant is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Nagoya Stars Cast Iron Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Nagoya Stars Cast Iron Plant will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Nagoya Stars Cast Iron Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.