Silver Spot Plant

Kaempferia elegans



Silver Spot Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Elegant Peacock Ginger, Kaempferia pulchra

Description:

A shade loving ginger with large, rounded leaves that have three rows of silver spots arranged across them; pattern of spots can be highly variable; purple flowers appear intermittently; an interesting houseplant for low light areas

Features & Attributes

Silver Spot Plant features dainty purple star-shaped flowers with white eyes along the stems from early winter to mid fall. Its attractive large textured round leaves remain forest green in color with distinctive silver spots and tinges of coppery-bronze throughout the year.

This is a dense herbaceous houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Silver Spot Plant can be expected to grow to be only 6 inches 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 5 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 does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. 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.

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 HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --