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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Dracaena Marginata

(Dracaena marginata)

Dracaena Marginata, also known as the Dragon Tree, is a popular houseplant with slender, upright stems and long, arching, lanceolate leaves. Its distinctive foliage features dark green leaves with red or purple margins, creating an eye-catching display. With its striking appearance and air-purifying qualities, Dracaena Marginata is a beautiful addition to any indoor space.



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Origin: Madagascar

Care Level & Placement: Easy care, Indoor plant



Light

Dracaena Marginata thrives in bright, indirect light but can tolerate lower light conditions. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the leaves. Place your Dragon Tree near a window with filtered light or in well-lit areas of your home. It can also adapt to moderate artificial light.



Water

Water your Dracaena Marginata when the top inch of soil feels dry. Allow the soil to partially dry out between waterings to prevent overwatering, as the plant is susceptible to root rot.



Soil

Plant Dracaena Marginata in well-draining soil. A mixture of regular potting soil and perlite or sand works well. Good drainage is important to prevent waterlogged roots. You can also use a well-draining soilless mix specifically formulated for houseplants.



Fun fact

Dracaena Marginata is known for its air-purifying qualities. It helps remove toxins like formaldehyde, benzene, and trichloroethylene from the air, improving the indoor air quality and creating a healthier environment.



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Pet Friendliness

Dracaena Marginata is considered toxic to cats, dogs, and other pets if ingested. It contains saponins that can cause digestive issues. Keep it out of the reach of curious pets or choose pet-friendly plants as an alternative.



Stress Signs

Browning or yellowing of leaves: Browning or yellowing leaves can indicate underwatering or overwatering. Adjust your watering routine accordingly and ensure the plant is receiving the right amount of moisture. Avoid letting the plant sit in excess water.

Brown tips on leaves: Brown tips can occur due to dry air, low humidity, or a buildup of salts in the soil. Increase humidity levels around the plant by misting the leaves or using a humidifier. Trim away any brown tips to maintain the plant's aesthetic appeal.

Botanical Family: Asparagaceae

Botanical Name: Dracaena marginata

Common Name: Dragon Tree, Madagascar Dragon Tree



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