

DRACAENA MARGINATA *Dracaena marginata*

The *Dracaena Marginata*—also called Dragon Tree—is a remarkable life form. Not only is it drought-tolerant, preferring the soil to completely dry out between waterings, but it will also live in low-light conditions. In its native habitat of Madagascar, the *Dracaena Marginata* can grow up to 20 feet tall, but as a houseplant its height can be maintained with occasional pruning. Tufts of narrow, deep-green leaves with red edges spring forth from gray canes that resemble the hide of dragons.

GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN:
Madagascar

GREAT FOR: Low light

FEATURES:
Low-maintenance

GROWTH RATE: Slow



LIGHT

Medium, indirect sunlight is best but can tolerate low light as well. Foliage color may fade in low light. Avoid direct sunlight.



DIFFICULTY

Easy! Just don't put it in too much sun or overwater.



FERTILIZER

Feed with a liquid, indoor plant fertilizer about once a month during the growing season. Do not fertilize in winter.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Prune top foliage to maintain desired height. Can cut tall stalks and new growth will appear near the cut. Make major cuts in early spring. Trim brown tips with wet scissors. To propagate, use rooting hormone on stem cuttings in the summer.



WATER

About once every 10-14 days. Allow soil to mostly dry out, and water less often in winter. If brown tips occur on foliage, try filtered/distilled water that has less fluoride.



TEMPERATURE

Tolerates a wide range of temperatures, but prefers 60-85°F. Keep away from drafty windows and air conditioners.



SOIL

Use a well-draining, All-Purpose potting soil. Can mix soil with lava rocks to improve drainage. *Dracaenas* like to be root-bound in pots with drainage holes.



PET FRIENDLY?

Sorry! Mildly toxic if consumed.

