## Silver Dragon African Mask





This plant filters pollutants from the air while releasing oxygen. With this plant in your home, you breathe cleaner air.

## Alocasia baginda 'Silver Dragon'

- <u>Use:</u> This beauty is a collector plant prized for the silver foliage. Alocasia aren't always the best beginner houseplants, and the silver dragon is no exception. However, your picky plant can thrive if you can offer them the right light, warmth and humidity levels. The key is mimicking their native tropical rainforest conditions as closely as possible.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Thrives in bright, indirect light. That means a few feet away from a bright window, filtered by thin curtains or blinds. Do not expose to direct sunlight or the leaves may burn. Water when the first two inches of soil are dry. Similar to most tropical foliage, they prefer humid conditions. Their thick stems allow them to store water, meaning they shouldn't be overwatered. Try the bottom watering method with your silver dragon if you use a pot with good drainage holes. Place your plant in a small bowl of water and soak it for around 15 minutes. Drain the excess water from the pot and then return it to its favorite spot. The soil should be moist, but not saturated. Fertilize every two to three weeks during the growing season, from the end of March through early September. Don't leave your alocasia silver dragon beside blasting air conditioning or heaters. These plants need high humidity to survive. Anything above 50% should be enough, but they thrive when humidity levels are around 60% to 80%.
- **<u>Growth</u>**: Stays fairly compact with the plant reaching about 2 feet tall and wide.
- *Hardiness:* Zone 10-12, Houseplant/ Annual
- *Foliage:* The leaves themselves can reach up to about 8 inches long by 6 inches wide— which relative to the plant's small stature, is quite large! Intense metallic silver foliage accented with dark green veins.
- *Flower:* Not known for their flowers.