

# Dragon Tree



**Dracaena marginata is a racy, tall houseplant. It is an excellent choice for first time houseplant buyers because it handles missed watering and minimal light without consequence.**

## ***Dracaena marginata***

- **Use:** It is an attractive, stiff-leaved plant with green sword-like leaves edged with red. It is a very slender growing indoor tree and is perfect for low light apartments or used as an office plant. It is also a clean air plant that removes toxins from the air in your home.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Performs well in fluorescent light like office buildings or atriums or anywhere away from direct light. They can handle the bright, indirect light found in a northern or partially shaded eastern windowsill. Western or southern exposure would work as long as the plant is away from the window or the window is well shaded. They prefer evenly saturated soil that is not overly moist or allowed to dry. When placed indoors, this clean air plant will remove chemicals such as formaldehyde, benzene, trichloroethylene, and carbon monoxide. Grows better when root-bound in small pots. Not poisonous to humans but are toxic to dogs and cats.
- **Growth:** Grows to 7-8' tall and 3' wide in 5 years. Best in vertical spaces, like corners or hallways
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11 ; Houseplant
- **Foliage:** Too many yellow leaves means the plant is staying wet too often, whereas brown tips to the leaves means it has been kept too dry. Yellow tips could be from chlorine or fluoride in your water. Filtered water can help.
- **Flower:** none

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