

Akebono Cast Iron Plant



In containers, they make superb house plants. The common name cast iron plant speaks to their durability in less than ideal conditions. Regular moisture, including increased humidity when they are grown as house plants, keeps them from getting stressed and becoming susceptible to spider mites.



Aspidistra elatior 'Akebono'

- **Use:** This unusual beauty produces 30" tall, wide evergreen leaves, with varied stripes of yellow ribbons. Will fill a dark spot in the woodland shade garden. Excellent for those difficult to fill areas in deep shade like under a porch or stairs. Spreads by underground stems. Deer resistant. **Super tough! Fairly drought tolerant too once established! Collector item.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun– shade; moist, well drained soil. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Grows 2 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-10b; Shrub; also makes a great houseplant
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Evergreen 30" tall leaves, each highlighted with a narrow creamy yellow streak in the center of each leaf. Each leaf can last up to 3 years, but after the second year, it will begin to show signs of aging and leaf degradation. For that reason, we recommend removing all old foliage regularly to retain the attractiveness of the clump.
- **Flower:** Insignificant brownish-purple triangular flowers in spring grow low to the base of the plant and are difficult to spot.

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