

## A SHORT HISTORY

This plant is a living fossil. 20 million years ago it spread from Africa to Russia as a part of an ancient flora that is now extinct.

Today it only exists in the Canary Islands, a few Botanical Gardens, a very few nurseries and at Dracaena Draco Farm.



This plant is almost impossible to kill

## APPEARANCE

This is a magnificent, fascinating plant of ancient beauty with crowns of long, tender, bluish leaves, short, stout stem and coral roots. It is not a real tree, rather a giant lily.

Leaf scars resemble the skin of a dinosaur. When wounded, the tree oozes a deep red sap known as dragon blood. In ancient times the sap was used for embalming and alchemy.

## VITALITY

It is a remarkable feature of the tree. Once established the tree doesn't need regular watering as its leaves are a dew and rain trap. It thrives as well in pots as in garden beds. It can remain potted for many years and can be replanted at any age. It is highly resistant to diseases and pests.



Through meticulous research and years of experience, Dracaena Draco Farm has perfected the cultivation of these fascinating plants and is proud to bring you one of the true ancient relics of the plant world.

Introducing:

# THE DRAGON TREE

*Dracaena draco* L.



We have invested 10 years of passion and meticulous research to establish this plant "down under"

## GROWTH

Draco is a slow grower and takes 10 years to reach about 1.2m with masses of blue-green leaves. As the old leaves die the stem gradually unveils with a scaly pattern. At about 15 years of age the stem stops growing and produces a flower spike with white, lily-like perfumed flowers, followed by coral berries



Soon a crown of buds appears and draco starts branching. Each branch makes its own flowers and re-branches, so a mature plant gets its stunning, umbrella-like habit.



## CARE

For pots use good quality media , like Debco seed raising mix. Ensure good drainage. Keep draco in a bright light, as it is a sun lover, but avoid hot sun.

Water gently to keep soil moist. Avoid watering the tip of the plant. In a garden bed no watering is needed.

Apply soluble, like Thrive / slow release fertilizers. For best results apply leaf feeding.



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