

# Ritchie

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### Goldstar Dracaena

*Dracaena warneckii* 'Goldstar'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Gold Star Dracaena

#### Description:

A popular patio plant that is easy to grow and care for; produces striking blue-green, sword shaped leaves with lime green edges and white stripes; great for beds in frost free climates; tolerates low light areas

#### Ornamental Features

Goldstar Dracaena's attractive glossy sword-like leaves remain bluish-green in colour with distinctive lime green edges and tinges of white throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The dark green stems can be quite attractive.

#### Landscape Attributes

Goldstar Dracaena is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Goldstar Dracaena is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Goldstar Dracaena*

Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Goldstar Dracaena foliage*

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- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Goldstar Dracaena will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Goldstar Dracaena is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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