East Bay Nursery

Ceylon Bowstring Hemp

Sansevieria zeylanica

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Zeylanica Snake Plant, Mother-In-Law's Tongue

Description:

This attractive plant will form dense stands of vertical sword-like leaves, arranged in rosettes; produces silvery-green leaves, mottled and striped with dark green; fragrant light green flowers in spring, on mature plants

Features & Attributes

Ceylon Bowstring Hemp features dainty spikes of fragrant light green spider-like flowers held atop the stems in mid spring. Its attractive large twisted sword-like leaves remain grayish green in color with showy dark green variegation and tinges of silver throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.



Ceylon Bowstring Hemp
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Ceylon Bowstring Hemp foliage
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Ceylon Bowstring Hemp can be expected to grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist soil, but will not tolerate any standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.