East Bay Nursery

Black Spear Hawaiian Ti Plant

Cordyline fruticosa 'Black Spear'



Black Spear Hawaiian Ti Plant
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Good Luck Plant

Description:

Young leaves on this medium sized variety emerge burgundy, then progress to jet black at maturity; spectacular contrast when massed on the landscape; perfect for adding a lush, tropical feel to indoor spaces

Features & Attributes

Black Spear Hawaiian Ti Plant is primarily valued in the home for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. Its attractive large glossy sword-like leaves emerge burgundy, turning black in color with showy burgundy variegation and tinges of dark red throughout the year.

This is an open multi-stemmed evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture is quite ornamental and should be used to full effect. This plant should never be pruned unless absolutely necessary, as it tends not to take pruning well.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Black Spear Hawaiian Ti Plant can be expected to grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate 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 will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

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.