East Bay Nursery

Compact Dieffenbachia

Dieffenbachia 'Compacta'

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Compact Dumb Cane

Description:

A compact variety of a popular indoor plant that is easy to grow; an excellent, upright growth habit makes it a great accent on table tops; lush dark green foliage with light green speckles and variegation; low maintenance; prefers bright, indirect light

Features & Attributes

Compact Dieffenbachia's attractive pointy leaves remain forest green in color with showy light green variegation throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture stands it apart from other indoor plants with finer foliage. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.



Compact Dieffenbachia in full
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Compact Dieffenbachia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Compact Dieffenbachia can be expected to grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. It grows at a medium 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 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.