

Dracaena reflexa

Scientific classification

Kingdom : Plantae
Clade : Angiosperms
Clade : Monocots
Order : Asparagales
Family : Asparagaceae
Subfamily : Nolinoideae
Genus : *Dracaena*
Species : *D. reflexa*



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DESCRIPTION:

Plants it may reach a height of 4–5 m, rarely 6 m in ideal, protected locations, *D. reflexa* is usually much smaller, especially when grown as a houseplant. It is slow-growing and upright in habit, tending to an oval shape with an open crown. The lanceolate leaves are simple, spirally arranged, 5–20 cm long and 1.5–5 cm broad at the base, with a parallel venation and entire margin; they grow in tight whorls and are a uniform dark green.

The flowers are small, clustered, usually white and extremely fragrant, appearing in mid winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are especially showy. *D. reflexa* var. *angustifolia* (syn. *D. marginata*) differs in having a magenta tint to its flowers, a shrubby habit, and olive green leave.

MEDICINAL USES:

It is one of the plants used in the NASA Clean Air Study and has shown to help remove formaldehyde. It is an effective air cleaner and is said to be among the best plants for removing xylene and trichloroethylene.