

## SEED OF THE MONTH: Dracena

You may select one variegated or plain green (while supply lasts).

**Common Name:** Dragon Plant or Fortune Plant

Scientific Name: Dracaena

Family: Asparagaceae

Genus: Dracaena

Height: Spacing: Sun Exposure:

3-6 feet indoors Bright filtered sunlight

8-15 feet outdoors 24 inches Full sun

**Bloom Color:** We have not seen this bloom at Halawa Garden **Bloom Time:** If it does bloom it would be 1 to 2 times per year.

**Other Details:** Dracaena is fairly low maintenance and adaptable to different soil combinations that are well draining. Their spikey leaves are your clue that this is a drought tolerant plant.

months. It also enjoys a light fertilizer once a month during the spring and summer, either liquid or granular is fine. You can easily control its size with regular trimming.

**Soil Requirements:** Well drained none salty.

Water Requirements: Water one to two times per week inground. If it's planted in a container water a little more frequently. (Plants in containers tend to dry out more quickly than their counter-parts in-ground).

## **Propagation Methods:**

You may propagate using clippings. Place clippings in water and plant after rooting takes place. If you use this method, you

must keep the ground/container very moist for the first few weeks. This will minimize shock that could result from being moved to a drier environment. Or you can propagate using root hormone (follow instructions on container) and plant in ground or container. As most new plantings water frequently until established.

## **Known Uses:**

Dracaena is a very friendly house plant, it requires little sun, but does best in bright, filtered sunlight. Unfortunately Dracaena is susceptible to mealybug, thrips and mites. If Thrips appear your plant's environment is probably too dry.

