

## *Dracaena draco*

**common name** Dragon Tree, Dragon's Blood Tree

**origin** Canary Islands

**nature** Slow growing evergreen tree

**pot size** 300mm                      500mm                      200litre                      500litre  
400mm                      100litre                      300litre

**growth** Up to 5 m – Taking decades to reach this height.

**leaves** Crown of rosettes, sword – like, blue- green in colour, stiff, soft to touch, up to 60 cm long.

**flowers** Insignificant, white and are followed by orange berries in summer.

**soil** Well drained soils.

**requirements** Full sun, trim old leaves, fertilise every 6 to 8 months with slow release fertiliser. No water other than rainfall if in ground. In pots: Water very sparingly. Drainage is essential. Will look best in full sun. Tolerates drought, salt winds and very mild frosts. Will start to branch when flower stalk appears and after berries become orange and fall off. Remove old flower stalk by cutting it off 5 cm above where the flower stalk comes out of the plant. Be careful not to damage heads emerging as they are the new branches.



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