

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.

