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Dracaena fragrans

[Synonyms : *Aletris fragrans*, *Cordyline fragrans*, *Dracaena deremensis*, *Dracaena smithii*, *Draco fragrans*, *Pleomele deremensis*, *Sansevieria fragrans*]

FRAGRANT DRACAENA is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to tropical Africa (particularly Guinea) and western Africa, it has small and very fragrant, yellowish flowers.

It is also known as Corn plant, *Dofdracena* (Swedish), *Dracena de Africa tropical* (Spanish), *Dracéna voňavá* (Slovak), *Dračinec deremský* (Czech), *Dračinec vonný* (Czech), *Dragonnier d'Afrique tropicale* (French), *Dratsena dushistaia* (Russian), Green corn plant, *Sandragon* (French), Striped dragonpalm, White rayo, and *Xiang long xue shu* (Chinese).

There are many cultivated varieties.

Fragrans is derived from Latin Latin *fragrantis* (fragrant, pleasant-scented, sweet-smelling).

Fragrant dracaena can often be seen growing as hedging in tropical climates, particularly in the West Indies, whereas in Europe it is probably more familiar as a pot plant.