

## Dracaena deremensis Warneckii Ulises



Dracaena group of tropical plants is one of the more popular groups because of the wide range of varieties and forms that are available for indoor use.

Dracaena deremensis Warneckii Ulises will grow to 4-5 ' tall at maturity, making it an ideal specimen plant or good in plant groupings in physically larger spaces. As with most tropical plants suitable for growing indoors, it does not need direct sunlight; but would benefit from a little direct sun occasionally.

The major cause of problems with this plants is overwatering from owners killing it with kindness.

**Light:** Light shade to bright indirect. Close to an east or west window is ideal.

**Temperature:** Average warmth with a minimum of 55°F (13°C) in winter.

**Humidity:** 30 to 50% relative humidity. If the air is drier than that, mist the leaves frequently.

**Water:** Keep the potting mix slightly damp at all times. Reduce water in the winter but do not let it dry out completely. Start by watering once a week. After that determine the plant's need for watering by lifting the plant. If the plant feels lighter than last week, it is an indication that the plant has taken up the water and then add enough water to keep the potting mix slightly damp. If the plant does not feel lighter, then do not water, wait a few days and test again.

**Feeding:** Fertilize and or feed as per your plant supplier directions or refer to **Plants For All Cultural Practices file: CP-NAITFP-001** (available via email from [plantsforall@ody.ca](mailto:plantsforall@ody.ca)) or online at [www.plantsforall.ca/information-downloads.php#](http://www.plantsforall.ca/information-downloads.php#)

**Repotting:** in the spring every 2 or 3 years, depending on rate of growth.

**Propagation:** replot the crowns with 3 or 4" of cane or by air layering.

**Problems:** *Leaves with brown tips & yellow edges* – caused by dry air, cold draughts and/or underwatering. *Leaves soft & curled with brown edges* – caused by temperature too low. *Yellowing lower leaves* – if this occurs slowly, it is the natural process of maturing. This can be slowed down by pinching out new growth at the centre of the crown clusters of leaves every 3-5 months. If this occurs quickly, it indicates an over or under watering problem

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