# Malagasy Aloe

***Aloe capitata***



*Malagasy Aloe*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Madagascar Aloe

**Description:**

A beautiful stemless variety that is most often solitary; gray green narrow leaves with red margins and purplish-pink blush; spikes with yellow flower clusters at the ends appear in mid winter; a wonderful indoor container accent

**Features & Attributes**

Malagasy Aloe's attractive succulent sword-like leaves remain grayish green in color with distinctive red edges and tinges of pink throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. It features dainty spikes of yellow tubular flowers at the ends of the stems in late winter.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture is quite ornamental and should be used to full effect. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

**Planting & Growing**

When grown indoors, Malagasy Aloe can be expected to grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 40 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and may die if left in standing water for any length of time. This plant should be watered when the surface of the soil gets dry, and will need watering approximately once each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.