Tiger Aloe

Gonialoe variegata



Tiger Aloe
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Partridge Breast Aloe, Form. Aloe variegata

Description:

A clumping, stemless selection producing rosettes of dark green leaves, striped horizontally with light green to white; branched racemes of tubular orange-yellow flowers appear in winter or early spring; a wonderful container plant for bright indoor areas

Features & Attributes

Tiger Aloe's attractive succulent sword-like leaves emerge light green, turning dark green in color with prominent white stripes and tinges of coppery-bronze throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. It features dainty racemes of orange tubular flowers with green edges rising above the foliage from late winter to early spring.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture stands it apart from other indoor plants with finer foliage. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Tiger Aloe can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 10 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 40 years. This houseplant requires direct sun for optimal performance, and should therefore be situated in a room that gets bright sunlight for a good part of the day; it is not a good choice for rooms lit only by artificial light. 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 will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. 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.