

DRACAENA REFLEXA

KINGDOM: PLANTAE

DIVISION: MONOCOTILEDONAE

CLASS: ANGIOSPERMS

ORDER: ASPARAGALES

GENUS: DRACCAENA

SPECIES: REFLEXA

FAMILY: ASPARAGACEAE



NATIVITY OF DRACAENA REFLEXA: *Dracaena reflexa* (commonly called **song of India** or **song of Jamaica**) is a tree native to Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, and other nearby islands of the Indian Ocean.

ABOUT DRACAENA REFLEXA: *D. reflexa* is usually much smaller, especially when grown as a houseplant. It is slow-growing and upright in habit, tending to an oval shape with an open crown. The lanceolate leaves are simple, spirally arranged, 5–20 cm long and 1.5–5 cm broad at the base, with a parallel venation and entire margin; they grow in tight whorls and are a uniform dark green. The flowers are small, clustered, usually white and extremely fragrant, appearing in mid-winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are especially showy. *D.*

reflexa var. *angustifolia* (syn. *D. marginata*) differs in having a magenta tint to its flowers, a shrubby habit, and olive-green leaves. It performs well as a houseplant, tolerating infrequent waterings.

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