

## Alpinia Purpurata Variegated - Plant



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Description The alpinia genus contains a number of lovely ornamental plants that you've probably seen in high-end flower arrangements. They flower with upright cones of bright red or pink flowers on large stalks, and their leaves are frequently fragrant when crushed. Alpinia plant does not produce flowers for the first 3 years, but when they grow, they show huge football sized flowers, blooming all year around.

**Common name:** Red Ginger.

**Color:** Red

**Bloom time:** All year round.

**Height:** Upto 12 feet.

**Difficulty level:** Easy.

Planting & Care

**Sunlight:** Dappled light.

**Soil:** Not very picky about potting soil.

**Water:** Grown under proper conditions, they need a steady, year-round supply of water.

**Temperature:** They can survive temperatures down to 50°F.

**Fertilizer:** Feed with a weak liquid fertilizer throughout the growing season. Coated slow-release fertilizer pellets also work well.

**Care:**

- Although they are not especially picky about their soil, it's not uncommon for the plants to experience a mild magnesium deficiency.
- In this case, supply them with a pinch or two Epsom salts every month or so to keep the leaves green and healthy.

Use

**Ornamental use:**

- Red ginger is a very useful and perennial with diverse forms.
- With its long, attractive red flower bracts and lush green leaves, it works well in tropical-theme landscapes.
- It is useful as a tall informal hedge or screen.

**Reference:**

<http://houseplants.about.com/od/Tropicals/p/Alpinia-Growing-Ornamental-Ginger-Indoors.htm>