

Sansevieria Trifasciata Laurentii, Snake Plant



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Description

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It is an evergreen herbaceous perennial plant forming dense stands, spreading by way of its creeping rhizome, which is sometimes above ground, sometimes underground. Its stiff leaves grow vertically from a basal rosette.

It is tough, durable and highly tolerant of low light and poor soil conditions. The tall, narrow, sturdy leaves are stiff and pointed. Colors include dark green, pale green, green edged with yellow, and variegated light green and yellow. Some species send up delicate flower spikes.

The Sansevieria is the perfect addition to any indoor garden setting. With over sixty different varieties to choose from, everyone is sure to find the perfect match for their taste.

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It is commonly called the snake plant (not to be confused with the very similarly named "Snakeplant", *Nassauvia serpens*), because of the shape of its leaves, or mother-in-law's tongue because of their sharpness. In China, it is known as huweilan (Tiger's Tail Orchid). In Japan, it is called Tiger's Tail. In Africa, the plant is used as a protective charm against evil or bewitchment.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Snake plant, mother-in-law tongue	Colors include dark green, pale green, green edged with yellow, and variegated	-	3-4 ft.	Easy

light green and yellow.

Planting and care

Sansevieria can be divided easily during repotting. Alternatively, new shoots, which emerge from the soil as spikes, can be taken and potted independently. They are rapid growers once established. Cuttings can also be taken, but it is much easier to rely on division.

Pot the snake plant in a clay container that is wider than it is tall, since the root system is shallow. Choose a pot the same diameter or one size larger than the plant's current container. Plastic is not the best choice for these plants, because strong roots can easily crack and break weak pots.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Sansevieria prefers bright light with some sun. They can adapt to full sun.	A loose, well-drained potting mix. Sandier soil is good for them.	Let the soil dry between waterings. During winter, reduce watering to monthly, or whenever the soil is dry to the touch. Err on the side of underwatering.	They prefer warmth and will suffer if exposed to temperatures below 50°F.	Feed a mild cactus fertilizer during the growing season; do not fertilize in the winter.

Caring for Sansevieria Trifasciata Laurentii

The biggest danger is over watering, especially in the winter.

Typical uses of Sansevieria Trifasciata Laurentii

Special features: The plant converts CO₂ to oxygen at night also.

Ornamental use: They are excellent in a grouping and will grow equally well on the floor or on table-top displays.

Medicinal use: The Snake Plant, or Mother-in-Law's Tongue, is one of the most recommended plants for improving air quality. The optimal place to keep this relatively inexpensive and low-maintenance plant is the bedroom, because it converts CO₂ into oxygen at night.

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