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# Dracaena Fragrans Massangena

## *Corn Plant*

The Dracaena Corn Plant, like all other Dracaenas, is tolerant of low light, missed waterings, and general neglect. This Dracaena, also called a Massangeana, is especially popular because of its long graceful green leaves that have a yellow and light green stripe running down the center. The leaves of a Corn Plant Dracaena grow out of a central woody stalk much like a real corn stalk. When small Dracaena Corn Plants can sit on a table, but their claim to fame is as a stately cane plant growing up to 10-12 feet tall.

**Light:** A Corn Plant Dracaena can tolerate low light but grows faster and produces larger leaves in medium to bright indirect light.

**Water:** The top 50-75% of the soil of a Corn Plant Dracaena needs to dry out before watering. It can survive under-watering but quickly dies from over-watering. If your water contains fluoride or chlorine, allow it sit out over-night so the fluoride can dissipate before using. High concentrations of fluoride damage the leaves of Dracaenas.



**Fertilizing:** Feed monthly in the spring and summer with a basic plant food at ½ the recommended strength. A Corn Plant Dracaena should never be fed in the winter and only once during the fall.

**TIP:** Controlling the height of a dracaena is as simple as lopping off its head. Within weeks after the old top growth is removed, a pair of new shoots will appear to take its place.