Rhaphidophora decursiva is a climbing plant in the Aroid family. You might not guess from the small pointed leaves of these starter plants, but this foliage of this plant will become gigantic and highly fenestrated in the right conditions. Leaves can grow to several feet long as this plants climbs trees that are large enough to support it. In the home it is not likely to reach such sizes, but its glossy green leaves still make for a wonderful tropical backdrop. Splits in the leaves develop as the plant matures. The height of the plants is highly affected by growing space and conditions. In suitable conditions and outdoor environment, it may get taller than about 50 feet. However, the indoor peeps remain around 5 feet on maturity. In the outdoors and wild, these plants grow around some large tree or a wall. The aerial roots help them to get attached and climb their host or support. Indoors provide with post or trellis to climb.





Rhaphidophora decursiva

#### RHAPHIDOPHORA DECURSIVA 'DRAGON TAIL'



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## Light

It would like medium to bright indirect light, but can tolerate low light. No direct sun, as it will bleach the leaves.

**Bright indirect-low** 

## **Watering**

Water thoroughly and then let the top 1" of soil dry out before watering again. If the plant is in low light, it will need less water.

# **Feeding**

Feed monthly with a balanced houseplant fertilizer, such as Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food.

## **Planting & Care**

Grow with Black Gold® All Purpose soil, amended with a bit of perlite or orchid bark to add drainage and aeration. Wipe the leaves regularly to remove dust. Repot every 2-3 years or replace the top layer of potting soil annually in the Spring.

#### Size

Provide a trellis or support for this plant to climb. Its aerial roots will latch onto the support you've provided.

#### **Temperature**

65-80°F

# **Humidity**

**Moderate** 

#### **Care**

Easy

