FAMILY TREE NURSERY

Ceylon Bowstring Hemp

Sansevieria zeylanica



Ceylon Bowstring Hemp
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Zeylanica Snake Plant, Mother-In-Law's Tongue

Description:

This attractive plant will form dense stands of vertical sword-like leaves, arranged in rosettes; produces silvery-green leaves, mottled and striped with dark green; fragrant light green flowers in spring, on mature plants

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This plant is native to the tropics and prefers growing in moist environments with evenly warm conditions all year round. In our climate, it is usually grown as an outdoor annual in the garden or in a container. If you want it to survive the winter, it can be brought in to the house and provided with special care, and then returned to the garden the following season. In its preferred tropical habitat, it can grow to be around 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. However, when grown as an annual or when overwintered indoors, it can be expected to perform differently, and its exact height and spread will depend on many factors; you may wish to consult with our experts as to how it might perform in your specific application and growing conditions.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

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Ceylon Bowstring Hemp is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

-- THIS IS A TROPICAL PLANT AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --

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