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Plant Feature: Dracaena Hilo Girl



Bring rich, modern depth to interiors with the **Dracaena Hilo Girl**, a highly sought-after tropical foliage plant prized for its dark green, glossy leaves and clean upright growth. Loved throughout the plantscaping industry for its soft yet architectural look, Hilo Girl delivers strong visual impact, even if it asks for a bit more light to keep it looking its very best.

Why you'll love it:

-  **Upright, Architectural Growth with a Soft, Modern Feel:** Dracaena Hilo Girl grows in a clean, upright form with a structured cane base and evenly spaced foliage. It reads modern and intentional while still feeling soft and organic.
-  **Dark Green, Glossy Foliage Plantscapers Love:** Hilo Girl is known for its deep green, slightly glossy leaves that give it a lush, high-end appearance. The foliage has a soft, full look that designers and clients consistently gravitate toward, making it one of the more **visually appealing** dracaena varieties in interiors.
-  **Fast Vertical Stretch (Trade-Off for Its Popular Look):** Hilo Girl is one of the faster-stretching dracaenas. While this means it may not last as long structurally on long-term jobsites, its appearance is **so popular** that many clients are happy to accept this trade-off. With proper light and maintenance, its lifespan can be extended.
-  **Loves Light:** Hilo Girl needs **brighter light** than Dracaena Goldstar to maintain strength and form.
 - *High light* promotes sturdier stems, darker foliage, and longer jobsite performance
 - *Medium light* is tolerated but encourages faster stretching
 - *Low light* increases softness and elongation and shortens interior lifespan
-  **Water Tolerant & Drought Forgiving:** This plant **can tolerate low water and drying out** between waterings. When it becomes too dry, leaves may take on a slightly greyish cast; an early visual cue that it's time to water. Once watered, color and sheen typically rebound well.
-  **Excellent Container & Repotting Performance:** Hilo Girl has a non-invasive root system and behaves similarly to Goldstar when it comes to repotting. It does not require frequent container upgrades and **remains stable in its pot for extended periods.**
-  **Size:** We sell these ranging from **4.5 feet to 7 feet tall**. They could grow up to **9-10 feet tall** depending on care and maintenance. Below are our pot sizes and corresponding cane counts:

2-gallon: 3 canes

3-gallon: 4 canes

5-gallon: 5 canes

Additional Names: Dracaena 'Hilo Girl', Hilo Girl Dracaena, Lisa

Perfect for:

Commercial interiors, offices, hospitality environments, residential spaces, and design-forward projects where clients want a dark, glossy, modern plant with strong visual appeal.

Additional Information:

Dracaena Hilo Girl is extremely popular across the plantscaping industry and especially here at West Coast Nurseries. It shares the same insect resistance profile as Goldstar, with spider mites being the primary concern in very dry conditions. Regular inspection, proper light, and good airflow help minimize issues.






Grower's tip:

- Don't overwater. It can dry out between waterings
- Greyish leaf tone = it's definitely time for water
- Use a razor blade to precisely and gently remove any burnt tips
- Needs higher light than the Goldstar

Pairs well with:

Compact floor plants and trailing accents like Pothos, Aglaonema, Philodendron, and low Dracaena varieties, which balance Hilo Girl's upright form and highlight its dark foliage.

Key characteristics:

Attribute	Profile
Light	 High
Water	 Low
Pest Resistance	 Average
Growth Habit	 7+ Feet
Popularity	 Most Popular