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SPECIES	Alpinia caerulea
COMMON NAME	Native Ginger, Blue Berry Ginger
ORIGIN	Australia
DESIGN USE	Understorey and container plant



HEIGHT

2m

HABIT

Perennial herb with shoots and well-developed stems.

FORM

Clumping plant with upright arching stem, having long, glossy green and broadly elliptical leaves.



FLOWERS

Long spikes of white, tubular, shell-like flowers.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Most of the year

FRUIT

Clusters of bright blue berries containing a white pulp with many small seeds. Ripe during February to May.



VARIATIONS

var. Atherton (purple undersides of leaves)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Subtropical and moist dry rainforest.

HORTICULTURE

It prefers moist shady areas, but can tolerate some sun. Requires protection from strong, dry winds and keep well watered during dry periods. Prune off old leaves and stems two to three times a year to keep plants tidy.



REFERENCES

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