

SPECIES	Alpinia purpurata
COMMON NAME	Red Flowered Ginger
ORIGIN	Tropical America
DESIGN USE	Jungle understorey and edge plants



HEIGHT

1.8–3.5m

SPREAD

1.5–3m

HABIT

A rhizomatous perennial that produces long, branched flower heads which develop numerous 'pups' or aerial plantlets.

FORM

A vase shaped clumping ginger.

FLOWERS

Conical heads of long lasting cerise bracts terminate each stem, with small white true flowers.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Year round

LEAVES

30-50cm x 10-15cm, glossy deep green.

VARIATIONS

"Jungle King and Jungle Queen" (broader flower heads)

"Eileen McDonald" (pale pink)

"Tahitian Ginger" (mutation with massively branched flower heads)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

They require oasis conditions in hot arid climates.

HORTICULTURE

Ample watering, fertile humus rich soils, part shade and protection from hot dry winds. Grows best above 50° F and the growing area must be kept humid.

REFERENCES

<http://tropilab.com/redginger.html>

