

SPECIES COMMON NAME ORIGIN DESIGN USE

Codiaeum variegatum Variegated Croton, Garden Croton Southern India, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the western Pacific Ocean islands For hedge, screen, mass planting; attracts butterflies



HEIGHT

3m

SPREAD 1-2m

HABIT

Upright; oval. Branches are not particularly showy; typically multi-trunked or clumping stems.

FORM

Low branching shrub with attractive and variedly shaped and colored foliage.

FLOWERS

The male flowers are white with five small petals; the female flowers yellowish, with no petals.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Summer

FRUIT

The fruit is a capsule 9 mm diameter, containing three 6 mm seeds.

VARIATIONS

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CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

They only survive outdoors where temperatures do not normally drop below 10° to 13° C in winter; colder temperatures can cause leaf loss. In colder climates, the plants are grown in greenhouses or as house plants.

HORTICULTURE

Propagation is by air layering or stem tip cuttings. Cuttings are taken in spring or summer and rooted at temperatures between 70 F and 80 F.

REFERENCES

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