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SPECIES	Zingiber spectabile
COMMON NAME	Beehive or Shampoo Ginger
ORIGIN	Asia
DESIGN USE	Accent plant



HEIGHT

1.5-2.5m

SPREAD

1-2.5m

HABIT

Medium tightly clumping ginger.



FLOWERS

Long-lasting cones of overlapping scalloped, waxy bracts, with small true flowers intricately spotted.

FLOWERING PERIOD

July to November

VARIATIONS

Flowerheads typically emerge yellow-gold ageing to red, but selected cultivars vary slightly in colour, size, shape and flowering time.

Z. macrodenium (*Big Mac*), has broader heads of brownish red bracts.

Z. ottensii (*Borneo Red*), a neat plant to 1.5m with smaller red flowerheads.



CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Tolerates full sun in the humid tropics.

HORTICULTURE

Requires moist-fertile, well-drained soil, well-protected from drying winds.

REFERENCES

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ginger>

