

Gingers - Hedychium sp.



Hedychiums are relatives of the root ginger which come from Asia. They are marvellous plants noted for their luxuriant foliage and fantastic tropical flowers. They make excellent conservatory plants and many are root hardy down to at least -10C. The following should be noted regarding their maintenance and appearance.

- ✓ Grow in a moist fertile soil either in pots or in the ground.
- ✓ Water regularly and feed every couple of weeks when in active growth.
- ✓ If growing in a conservatory or heated greenhouse plants will remain evergreen throughout the year and will flower earlier than those grown outside.
- ✓ If growing outside it is best to plant deep (at least 6 inches) and add a layer of mulch during the winter to protect the roots.
- ✓ The first frosts will kill off most of the foliage. New growth will re-emerge from the roots in spring.

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