

White Butterfly Ginger - *Hedychium coronarium*



Butterfly ginger get 4' - 6' tall with the SUPER FRAGRANT, pure white blooms on the top of the tall stems in late summer through fall. Plant these were you can enjoy the intoxicating fragrance, it is truly divine!

They are cold hardy to USDA zone 8a, but have a natural dormancy period during the winter dry season. These can easily be lifted for winter storage in colder areas or grown

in containers and brought in. Some ginger species are prone to rotting of the rhizomes during dormancy, and should not be kept too wet during this time.

Light: Warmer zones: partial to full shade

Cooler zones: partial to mostly sun

Moisture: Average moisture, drought tolerant, but grows best with regular waterings. This ginger is reported to be able to grow in slightly damp soil, but I grow mine in relatively dry conditions and they seem to do fine.

Propagation: Propagate by division of clumps or pieces of the rhizome or from seeds that form after the bloom.

Planting Instructions:

Plant your plant approximately as deep as the original soil line or a little deeper. You should be able to see the original soil line by the color of the stem (greener above ground; yellow/white below) and water in well. Allow about a 12" diameter around each plant so they have room for growth. Your plant will appreciate some fertilizer (whatever you use on your other flowers will work fine) during the growing season; follow label instructions, don't over-fertilize. It is not unusual for some of the original leaves to die from the shipping and transplant; new leaves will soon appear as soon as your plant gets re-established. You may need to stake the tall stem during the first few weeks after transplant until the roots get established well enough to support it.