

Plant "Imagination"



Arisaema dracontium (Green Dragon)

Green dragon, Dragonroot, Greendragon

Green Dragon is relatively rare. It has only one leaf stem that forks so that there appear to be two separate leaves, each divided into many unequal leaflets which are arranged like the upturned palm of one's hand on the tip of the forked stem, which is sometimes 20 inches long. A separate flower stalk holds the perennial's unique blossom. A greenish, long-tipped spadix that resembles a large flickering lizard's tongue (the dragon's tongue) protrudes several inches beyond a narrow green spathe. It is a narrow, greenish, hooded, cylinder with a long, upward-pointing tongue. There are numerous tiny flowers crowded onto the 6-inch-long lower stem, the lower part of which is enclosed within the leaf stem. The white flowers are very small, with no petals or sepals. Orange-red berries follow.