

Dragon Dracaena

The word **Dracaena** is derived from the **Green** “drakaina” meaning a female dragon. The reason these plants were originally given this name has to do with the fact that the sap of a number of **Dracaena** varieties is red. Legend has it that in ancient times this sap was thought to be dragon’s blood lost in battle with elephants.

This “dragon’s blood” was believed to have medicinal properties and was also used as a dye called cinnabar.

