

Costus speciosus or **crape ginger** is possibly the best known cultivated species of the genus *Costus*. This plant is native to [southeast Asia](#), especially on the [Greater Sunda Islands](#) in [Indonesia](#). *Costus* differs from the common [ginger](#) by having only one row of spirally arranged leaves. The species reproduces rapidly by rhizome and seeds. It grows in my yard up to 8 feet tall with a beautiful single spiral leaf pattern. A red seed head is produced from the top in July and August and the white Crepe flowers grow from the seed head. Can take a lot of sun but prefers 50% shade/sun

