

# Peacock Ginger

Tropicals and Tender Perennials

Sun Exposure: Partial to Full Shade

Foliage: green and purple splotch

Height: 18-36 inches

Spacing: 15-18 in.

Plant rhizome 3-4 inches below ground. Freeze will kill leaves but they will regrow in spring.



In warmer climates, growing peacock ginger is a great way to cover a shady part of the garden. This pretty groundcover thrives in the shade and produces distinctive, striped leaves along with small, delicate flowers. Hardy in USDA zones 8 through 11, this is a delightful plant that is easy to grow in the garden.

To grow peacock ginger, first find a good space for these shade-loving plants. Some varieties will thrive with more sun, but most prefer a nice shady spot. They will tolerate various types of soil, but they prefer a well-drained spot with rich soil. Plant your peacock gingers so that the rhizomes are about a half inch (1.5 cm.) below the soil. Water the plants until they are established and then only as needed. Your peacock ginger plants should grow readily, even out-competing weeds in a bed. They are not often troubled by pests or disease. Peacock ginger plant care is easy and trouble free. These shady groundcover plants can be mostly left alone, once established, and make for a simple and rewarding addition to your shaded beds where other plants struggle to grow.