



Dracaena draco *in Canada*

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I always delight in seeing monocot trees, with their strange branching patterns and bark. From previous trips to southwestern British Columbia (Canada), I expected to see palm trees, especially queen palms. What I was not prepared for was dragon trees, *Dracaena draco*, grown as fine ornamentals. These plants were growing in Tofino, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, in a relatively unprotected location. This year Tofino saw a foot of snow that lasted for about a week. In fact, even in mid May, the surrounding mountains were still covered in snow from about 100 meters upwards. Yet *Dracaena draco* specimens, which are cultivated right around sea level, were in superb condition, many with old infructescences and beautiful flushes of verdant green leaves. 🍷