

Key To *Sansevieria*

- 1) Plant with evident upright stem, leaves arising along entire length..... *S. powellii*
- 1) Plant without evident upright stem, leaves arising from basal clusters..... (2)
 - 2) Mature leaves cylindrical, and channeled only on younger or basal portion of leaves..... *S. cylindrica*
 - 2) Mature leaves flattened and expanded, much wider than thick (3)
 - 3) Leaves not variegated or with light and dark green transverse bands on younger growth and becoming obliterated with age..... (4)
 - 4) Leaves dark green, never banded..... *S. nelsonii*
 - 4) Leaves with light and dark green transverse bands on younger growth and becoming obliterated with age (5)
 - 5) Leaves broad with a thin brownish-white margin and rosette-like to semi-erect type growth..... *S. subspicata*
 - 5) Leaves upright, linear and much longer than wide, without brownish-white margin..... (6)
 - 6) Leaves 3-4 per growth, 1 1/6 to 2 1/2 inch broad, upper surface entirely dark green, or on younger leaves indistinctly transversely banded and under-surface paler with bands..... *S. liberiensis*
 - 6) Leaves 6-14 per growth, 1/3 to 1/6 inch broad, younger growth more distinctly horizontally banded with equally distributed bands on both surfaces *S. parva*
 - 3) Leaves conspicuously variegated with transverse or linear striations (7)
 - 7) Plant with a basal or rosette type growth, rarely over 6-8 inches tall, leaves not more than 2-3 times longer than wide..... (8)
 - 8) Leaves green with yellow linear striations *S. trifasciata* cv. **Golden Hahnii**
 - 8) Leaves entirely light or dark green (9)
 - 9) Leaves predominantly dark green with pale green transverse bands *S trifasciata* cv. **Hahnii**
 - 9) Leaves with much less dark green, mostly pale cross-..... green bands to give leaf a metallic ash-green to silvery green color, leaves narrower and more erect..... *S. trifasciata* cv. **Silver Hahnii**
 - 7) Plant with ascending growth; leaves many times longer than wide (10)
 - 10) Leaves dark green with light green transverse bands, with distinct longitudinal golden-yellow stripes along margin *S. trifasciata* var. **Laurentii**
 - 10) Leaves without yellow variegation (11)
 - 11) Leaves only transversely banded with light dull green and deep grass-green bands *S. trifasciata*
 - 11) Leaves in part transversely banded with light and dark green, also linearly striated with whitish to light green and dark green striations *S. liberica*

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