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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Desert Rose

(Adenium obesum)

Desert Rose, scientifically known as *Adenium obesum*, is a stunning succulent shrub that originates from arid regions of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. It is known for its thick, swollen trunk and beautiful, trumpet-shaped flowers that bloom in various colors, including shades of pink, red, and white.



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Origin: Africa and the Arabian Peninsula

Care Level & Placement: Easy care, Indoor plant



Light

Desert Rose thrives in bright, direct sunlight. Place it in a sunny location where it can receive at least 6-8 hours of direct sunlight each day. Indoors, choose a south-facing window or provide supplemental grow lights to ensure sufficient light levels.

Water



Desert Rose is drought-tolerant and prefers well-draining soil. Water thoroughly but allow the soil to dry out between waterings. Avoid overwatering, as it can lead to root rot. During the dormant season, reduce watering frequency to prevent excessive moisture.

Soil



Plant Desert Rose in a well-draining soil mix. A blend of cactus or succulent potting mix with perlite or coarse sand works well. It is important to ensure good drainage to prevent waterlogged conditions that can cause root issues.

Fun fact



Despite its name, Desert Rose is not a rose. It belongs to the Apocynaceae family and is more closely related to succulents and cacti.



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Pet Friendliness

Desert Rose is toxic to pets, including cats and dogs. Keep it out of reach to ensure the safety of your furry friends.



Stress Signs

Leaf Drop: Desert Rose may drop its leaves when subjected to extreme temperature changes, overwatering, or underwatering. Sudden shifts in temperature, excessive moisture, or prolonged drought can stress the plant, leading to leaf drop.

Yellowing Leaves: Yellowing leaves can be a sign of overwatering or poor drainage. If the soil is consistently wet or waterlogged, the roots may suffer, resulting in yellowing foliage. Adjust the watering frequency and improve soil drainage to alleviate the stress.

Lack of Flowering: If your Desert Rose fails to produce flowers, it may indicate insufficient light or improper pruning. Desert Rose requires plenty of direct sunlight to stimulate flower bud formation. Additionally, regular pruning can help promote branching and encourage more abundant flowering.



Botanical Family: Apocynaceae

Botanical Name: Adenium obesum

Common Name: Desert Rose, Sabi Star, Kudu, Impala Lily



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