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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Monkey's Tail Cactus



Category

🌿 Succulent Plant

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

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Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Monkey's Tail Cactus (*Cleistocactus colademononis*) is a rare hanging cactus native to Bolivia. It is famous for its long, trailing stems covered with soft white hairs, giving the appearance of a monkey's tail. Stems can grow over 1–2 meters long. Mature plants produce spectacular bright red flowers during spring and summer.



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Watering

💧 **Water only when the soil is dry.**

- Summer: Once every 7–10 days
- Winter: Once every 15–20 days
- Avoid overwatering

Temperature

🌡️ **Best Temperature**

- 18°C to 28°C

Can Tolerate

- 10°C to 35°C

Protect from frost and freezing temperatures.

Sunlight

☀️ **Loves bright light.**

Ideal Light

- 3-5 hours of morning sunlight
- Bright indirect light indoors

Fertilizer

🌱 **Feed once every month during spring and summer.**

Recommended Fertilizers

- Succulent Fertilizer
- NPK 19:19:19 Liquid Fertilizer

Soil

🌿 **Requires very well-draining succulent soil.**

Simple Soil Mix

- 40% River Sand or Perlite
- 40% Garden Soil
- 20% Cocopeat or Compost



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Humidity

☁️ Prefers low humidity.

Ideal Humidity

• 30%–50%

Reproduction

🌱 Easy to propagate through stem cuttings and seeds.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy stem 10–15 cm long.
2. Allow the cut end to dry for 3–5 days.
3. Plant in dry cactus soil.

Benefits

Attractive spotted leaves

- ✓ Compact and slow-growing
- ✓ Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy 🌱

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