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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Penwiper Plant



Category

🌿 Succulent Plant

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Penwiper Plant
🌿 Ox Tongue Plant

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Penwiper Plant (*Gasteria bicolor*) is a slow-growing succulent native to South Africa. It is named for its rough, tongue-shaped leaves that were once used to wipe ink pens. The dark green leaves are covered with white spots and have a slightly rough texture. Mature plants produce long flower stalks bearing small curved pink and green flowers.



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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 offsets and leaves.

Offset Method (Best Method)

1. Remove baby plants from the base.
2. Allow the cut area to dry for 1 day.
3. Plant in fresh succulent soil.

Benefits

Attractive spotted leaves

-  Compact and slow-growing
-  Drought tolerant

Difficulty Level: Easy

-  Homes with sunny balconies
-  Outdoor gardens
-  Large decorative pots
-  Succulent collections
-  Commercial landscapes

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