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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

Shark Tooth Cactus



Category

🌿 Tropical

Family

🌿 Apocynaceae

Common Name

🌿 Fishbone Cactus
🌿 Ric Rac Cactus

Vairty of colour



Description

🌿 Shark Tooth Cactus (*Disocactus anguliger*) is a tropical cactus native to the rainforests of Mexico. Unlike desert cacti, it grows on trees (epiphytic cactus). It has long, flat, zigzag stems that look like shark teeth or fish bones. Mature plants produce large, fragrant white flowers that bloom at night, usually in autumn.



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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.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy zigzag stem 10–15 cm long.
2. Let the cut end dry for 1–2 days.
3. Plant it in moist, well-draining soil.

Benefits

 Easy to propagate through leaves, offsets, and seeds.

Leaf Propagation

1. Gently remove a healthy leaf.
2. Allow it to dry for 1–2 days.

Difficulty Level: Easy 

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