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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



String of Bananas

(Senecio Radicans)

String of Bananas, scientifically known as *Senecio radicans*, is a succulent vine that features cascading strands of small, banana-shaped leaves. Its trailing growth habit and unique foliage make it a popular choice for hanging baskets and elevated shelves.



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Origin: South Africa

Care Level & Placement: Easy Care, Indoor plant, can be grown outdoors in suitable climates



Light

String of Bananas prefers bright, indirect light but can tolerate some direct sunlight. Place it near a window with filtered light or provide bright, indirect light indoors. Too much direct sunlight can scorch the leaves.



Water

Allow the soil to dry out partially between waterings. Water the plant thoroughly and let the excess water drain away. Avoid overwatering, as succulents are susceptible to root rot. Reduce watering during the winter months.



Soil

Use a well-draining succulent or cactus potting mix. You can also add perlite or sand to improve drainage. Ensure the pot has drainage holes to prevent water accumulation.



Fun fact

The name "String of Bananas" comes from the plant's unique foliage, which resembles cascading strings of miniature bananas. The leaves have a succulent texture and store water to withstand dry periods.



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Pet Friendliness

String of Bananas is considered mildly toxic to pets if ingested. Keep it out of reach of curious pets to prevent any potential health issues.



Stress Signs

Wrinkled or Shriveled Leaves: Wrinkled or shriveled leaves indicate that the plant is dehydrated and in need of water. Increase the frequency of watering and ensure the soil is adequately moistened.

Yellowing or Browning Leaves: Yellowing or browning leaves can be a sign of overwatering or poor drainage. Check the soil moisture level and adjust your watering practices accordingly. Ensure the pot has proper drainage to prevent waterlogging.

Leggy Growth or Loss of Vigor: If the plant starts to exhibit elongated, sparse growth or becomes leggy, it may be an indication of insufficient light. Move the String of Bananas to a brighter location with indirect sunlight to promote compact and healthy growth.

Botanical Family: Asteraceae

Botanical Name: Senecio Radicans

Common Name: String of Bananas, Banana Vine



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