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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

golden rat tail cactus



Category

 Tropical

Family

 Apocynaceae

Common Name

 Golden Rat Tail Cactus
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Vairty of colour



Description

 Golden Rat Tail Cactus is a beautiful trailing cactus native to Bolivia. It has long, slender stems covered with soft golden-yellow spines, giving it a furry appearance. As the stems mature, they cascade gracefully over pots and hanging baskets. During spring and summer, the plant produces stunning orange to salmon-pink funnel-shaped 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

🌱 Very easy to propagate through stem cuttings.

Stem Cutting Method

1. Cut a healthy stem segment 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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