



HELLO, WE ARE THE

Jungle Cacti!

**RHIPSALIS, LEPISMIUM,
HATIORA, DISCOCACTUS,
SELENECERIUS, SCHLUMBERGERA,
EPIPHYLLUM, HYLOCEREUS SPP**

Get to know me

Just like you primates with your opposable thumbs we, the Cacti, are a highly evolved family of plants. Unlike our desert dwelling relo's however (bit of a weird bunch) we spend our time hanging out, literally, in the moist tropics of Central and South America. Like those desert weirdo's we also produce beautiful flowers that mostly bloom at night but unlike them most of us don't have spines and can't withstand harsh sun and very little water.

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What I like

POSITION



As we are generally forest dwellers we prefer partially shaded areas that receive 40 – 60% shade, basically bright indirect light! We can handle more shade but we are less likely to flower, as light is required to initiate flowering for most of us. We will still produce great foliage in the shade though! We are also partial to a bit of humidity if you can provide it. Too much light and we are likely to produce overly compact foliage and may start to look a bit scabby!

TEMPERATURE



Warm, humid conditions are our absolute favourite, surprise surprise! But we can handle cooler temperatures too just don't let us get frosty or we will turn into big 'ol piles of mush!

WATER



When we're actively growing, through spring and summer, water us lots, like once a week. As long as the soil in our pots doesn't stay too wet we'll love it. If you keep us in a shadier spot however you may need to allow a bit more time between watering even in the warmer months.

In the cooler months when we're not actively growing wait till at least the top 3cm of soil in our pot dries out before watering again, this should be every 3-4 weeks. We can be quite susceptible to root rot so make sure you never let us sit in water or give us too much through the colder months.

FERTILIZER



A good pinch of slow release fertilizer at the start of the growing season is all we need to stay healthy.

RE-POTTING



A potting mix formulated for cacti is best for us. Basically we need a mix that will drain freely but still keep a little bit of moisture around our delicate little rooties. On that note, because our roots are a little bit delicate and prone to rot if kept overly moist, avoid teasing or being overly rough with our roots when repotting and only increase the size of our pot by a small amount. A large increase in pot size is likely to hold too much moisture and cause problems for us. Repot us in spring but you shouldn't need to do it often, we do better when we're a bit cozy in our pots!

Problems we may have



Pretty much the only problem we are likely to have is rot as a result of incorrect watering or not getting enough light or ventilation! It is unlikely we will succumb to sap suckers but you can use commercial bug sprays on us if necessary.



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