

Madagascar Palm

PACHYPODIUM LAMEREI SSP FIHERENSE

Get to know me

I'm from an island off the East Coast of Africa called Madagascar, in the wild I will grow into a small tree but I take a very long time to get there. If you treat me right I'll produce clusters of Frangipani like white flowers in summer.

In winter I'll drop some or all of my leaves – don't worry I'm not dying just chilling out over winter.

Because I'm not doing anything over this time I don't need to drink anything – I'm having a dry winter!



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What I like



I like full sun so put me close to your brightest window or even outside in full sun and I will be very happy. If you want to treat me put me outside over summer, just remember to bring me in over winter.

TEMPERATURE



I would say I'm a summer plant because I love the heat but I do ok in winter too, frosts literally kill me though.

WATER



Whilst I have leaves please give me a drink as you would with most of your other plants – when the top few centimeters of the soil in my pot dries out; once I drop my leaves though, water me every couple of months max until I start to shoot again or I will rot and die...sad face.

FERTILIZER



A complete slow release fertilizer like Ozmocote for Pots, Planters and indoors applied at the start of the growing season is all I need.

RE-POTTING



Repot me every few years or when I outgrow my pot. I like a professional cactus mix, you can even add a bit of gravel to this. Wrap a few layers of newspaper around my trunk when repotting or I'll stab ya, I'm tricky like that! Fun fact if my spines are removed I'll never grow them back.

What I don't like





I can't handle frost and being watered during my dormant time, otherwise I'm easy.



