

# Huernia

These plants are succulent. The Oophytum has a panel-like development, therefore it tends to widen very much. Oophytum is an evergreen; during spring, summer, autumn, winter it assumes a white colouring; the adult specimens are small in size and reach 10 cm high.

### **TEMPERATURES OOPHYTUM:**

Grow the Oophytum in a luminous place, with direct sunlight. Avoid exposing the Oophytum to temperatures below 15°C. During late Spring we can place them outdoors, possibly sheltered by the wind. Succulent plants can also be cultivated in a cold green house, with temperatures which must be below 5°C for many species, but in this case it's necessary to keep them totally dry.

## **IRRIGATION OOPHYTUM:**

We suggest watering the Oophytum every 4-5 weeks with 1-2 glasses of water, which means when the soil has been dry for days; if the season should be very hot and arid we can intensify the quantity of irrigations, although we must avoid leaving the substratum soaked with water. Let's remember that the succulent plants can withhold water inside their materials, therefore they need to be watered only when the weather is hot.

#### **FEEDING OOPHYTUM:**

In this period of the year, let's remember to enrich the soil of our succulent plants, using, every 15-20 days, a specific fertilizer. Fertilizers for succulent plants must be poor in nitrogen to avoid them from producing too much vegetation which would be easily attacked by fungal diseases.

#### **ADVERSITY OOPHYTUM:**

As the day-time temperatures rise at the beginning of the spring, it is agreeable to practice a preventive treatment, with a wide-range insecticide, which should be applied when there aren't flowerings in the garden. Before the buds become too large, it is advisable to also treat them with a wide-range fungicide, to prevent the development of fungal diseases which spread easily when there is an elevated environmental moisture.

### SUBSTRATE OOPHYTUM:

Grow in a soft, sandy very well drained soil.

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