

# ELEPHANT BUSH

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*Scientific Name : Portulacaria Afra*

This sweet little succulent plant is actually a Jade look-a-like and often called a mini-jade! It has bright reddish brown branches with green, round leaves that dot the stems in alternating pairs. This plant grows in a sprawling or cascading habit. If left unpruned, it makes a striking hanging basket that reaches in all directions. It can also grow several feet high so with a little snipping on the sides, it will form a large bush shape. If you want to try your hand at bonsai, this makes a great succulent plant to work on.

>> **FUN FACT** *True to it's common name, the Elephant Bush is a favorite snack for elephants in South Africa.*



**LIGHT**

Very bright filtered light to direct morning sun



**WATER**

Saturate once the soil has dried out completely: Approx every 2 weeks



**BLOOM**

Mature plants will make small white or pink star-shaped flowers in winter



**SOIL**

Well draining potting mix. Additives could include perlite



**PROPAGATE**

Take a stem cutting from new growth near the end of a branch and let the cut callous over till dry. Place it directly into soil and water after 2 weeks.