

Desert Rose Care Guide

Desert Rose is not actually related to the rose family at all but is a member of the dogbane family. The dogbane family consists of many toxic species of plants.

The Adenium Obesum, or the desert rose, is a beautiful perennial succulent plant that thrives in hot weather.

Light

Desert Rose loves full sunlight, or a sunny window or a sunny corner and requires at least 5 hours of light every day. They can be grown indoor under a grow light.

Water

As the desert rose is technically a succulent, it requires to be watered somewhat frequently. The amount watered will depend on the time of year, in its peak growing season, late spring and summer, it will require more diligent watering. Always allow the top $\frac{3}{4}$ inches of soil to dry out before watering again, you can check this by inserting your finger into the soil. In fall and winter months you can reduce watering drastically, only watering once a month or so. A swollen and thick trunk is a great indication that your plant is well watered.

Soil and Pot

Plant the desert rose in fast draining soil that has a pH of around 6. Typically, they will grow well in unfertilized cactus soil. Be sure to pick a pot with drainage holes and leave 2-3 inches of space around the roots. You can also choose to pick a bonsai pot as they are shallow and provide lots of space for growth.

Temperature and Humidity

Desert rose enjoy warm temperatures and will die quickly if exposed to cold temperatures. Desert rose ideal temperature range is between 65 and 90 degrees. Humidity is not an important factor to desert rose because it grows naturally in desert climates.

Fertilizer

You can feed your desert rose liquid fertilizer once a month during active growth period. Do not fertilize during its dormant period.

Pest and Diseases

Root Rot

In desert rose, root rot will present black, dark brown, or yellow. You need to remove the rot to prevent spreading. You can do this by scooping it out or cutting the rotten huck of the caudex out. The best way to ensure the health of your plant is to practice good watering habits.

You are buying one plant that will be bare root. The pictures are only an example, and your plant may be smaller or larger, more or less full, longer or shorter. Plants in nature are all unique and so are the ones that we grow here! We package all plants carefully to ensure it arrives intact.

We encourage that you do your research and learn about the plant you are purchasing before it arrives at your home. You want to make sure you know about the plants needs and make sure you can provide it the proper care. Think of plants like puppies.

We are a small company and sometimes it can take 24-48 hours to respond to any messages.

We prepare orders for shipment on Mondays and Thursdays and the plant will be shipped out on Tuesdays and Fridays.

There is a chance that the plant will go through stress and may lose some leaves or get soft. Do not stress this is very normal. Plant right away and rehydrate and it should recover in a couple of weeks. During the winter we will send plants with heat packs to ensure the plant doesn't freeze for a \$5 additional charge.

However, if temperatures reach below 32 degrees, please postpone ordering until temperatures are warmer. Always get plants from mailbox as soon as you can. If plant is left in mailbox for too long and dies this is the buyers responsibility. Returns and Refunds are not accepted unless plant is severely damaged or dead upon arrival. If this occurs you MUST contact us within 24 hours and provide photo documentation.