

Euphorbia lactea

(Crested Elkhorn)

Euphorbia lactea is a cactus-like plant with wavy crested stems offering an interesting appeal to desert landscapes and used medicinally in India and Eastern Asia.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Euphorbia lactea
Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent
Origin: Eastern Asia, India
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Medicinal, Green Wall, Rock Garden
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Slow
Tree Shape: Round, oval
Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Spiny

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Year Round

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Seasons: Year Round

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Diseases: Root rot

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Grafting
