Kalanchoe thyrsiflora

(Desert Cabbage, Paddleplant)

Paddleplantis a native succulent plant in South Africa. Fleshy bluish green leaf turn its edge into orange in full sun. Usually it start declining after flowering. If the flower stem is cut back many small offsets starts growing around the mother plant. If the plant kept in dark the leaves will stay blue-green all the time.

Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronounciation: kal-un-KOH-ee thur-see-flor-uh

Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent

Origin: South Africa

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Container, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistance: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Cordate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth, Fleshy/Juicy

Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Red, Blue-Green

Color(changing season): Red, Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No
Heat Tolerant: Yes
Drought Tolerant: Yes
Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Sand
Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral
Water Requirements: Low
Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No
Invasive Potential: No
Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No
Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all
Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No
Surface Rooting: Yes
Life Span: Less than 25
Edible Parts: None
Plant Propagations: Offset

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