

Kalanchoe daigremontiana

(Devil's Backbone, Mexican Hat Plant)

Mexican hat plant is an evergreen perennial succulent. Drought and heat tolerant. Native to Madagascar. It's a unique houseplant or specimen that grow in warm and dry landscapes. It produces small plantlets along its leaves' periphery. Grow in sandy or gravelly soil, full sun and sharply drained for healthier plants.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Arabic Name: طحليّة القُبعة المَكسيكيّة

Pronunciation: kal-un-KOH-ee day-ee-gree-mon-tee-AH-nuh

Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent

Origin: Madagascar

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

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Border Plant, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 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: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Fleshy/Juicy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Purple

Color(changing season): Green, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Orange, Purple, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Fruit

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Rusts

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Aphids, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering, Division, Rhizomes

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