

Pachypodium lamerei

(Madagascar palm, Three-spined Clubfoot)

This succulent small tree looks like a combination of a cactus and a palm. The grouped spines on the gray trunk are interesting, but it's the white flowers with twisting petals that are the plant's ornamental forte. This semi-evergreen succulent grows tall and slender with a swollen trunk and is native to South Madagascar. Cool, dry winters cause the tufts of lustrous leaves to drop away, leaving a stark, scary looking skeleton.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Pachypodium de Madagascar
Pronunciation: Pack-ee-poe-dee-um la-mer-ee-eye

Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent

Origin: South Madagascar

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: Indoor, Container, Rock Garden

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Palm

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m, 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters, 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Textures: Waxy, Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Green, Grey

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed, Division

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