

## 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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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

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### 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

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Smooth

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### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Fruit Colors:** Green, Grey

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

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## Horticulture Management

### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

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### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

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### 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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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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