

PLANT CARE GUIDE

ALWORTHIA 'BLACK GEM'

(al-worth-EE-ah)

COMMON NAMES:

Alworthia, Black Gem Aloe

FAMILY: Aloeaceae

ORIGIN: Kenya

GROWTH	Clumping
LIGHT	Full sun
WATER	When completely dry
HUMIDITY	Not required
TEMPERATURE	18°C +
SOIL	Cactus mix
CONTAINER	Wide planter with drainage
NUTRIENTS	10-5-5 Monthly in Spring & Summer
PROPAGATION	Seed or removal of offsets
INTERIORESCAPE USE	Desktop, Desert-themed atrium
COMMON PESTS	Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

COMMON ISSUES	Root rot when overwatered. Leaves may break inside causing a drooping look.
COMMENTS	A hybrid cross between <i>Aloe speciosa</i> and <i>Hawarthia cymbiformis</i> . An elegant succulent with dark green colouration. The foliage will bring on a reddish bronze colour when grown in 100% full sun. Grow indoors with bright light to maintain dark colour.
TOXICITY	Non-toxic and safe