

PLANT CARE GUIDE

ADENIUM OBESUM

(a-DEE-nee-um oh-BEE-sum)

COMMON NAMES:

Desert Rose, Desert Azalea, Impala Lily, Kudu Lily, Mock Azalea, Sabi Star

FAMILY: Apocynaceae **ORIGIN:** Africa, Arabian Peninsula, Tanzania

GROWTH	Bush-like; leaves only at branch ends
LIGHT	Full Sun
WATER	Allow to dry between watering
HUMIDITY	Not Required
TEMPERATURE	16°C - 28°C
SOIL	Well draining mix
CONTAINER	Planter with drainage
NUTRIENTS	10-15-10 - use monthly in Spring & Summer
PROPAGATION	Seed or cuttings
INTERIORSCAPE USE	Novelty, Bonsai, Flowering
COMMON PESTS	Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips

COMMON ISSUES	Root and stem rot when overwatered, leaf drop with insufficient light. Older leaves naturally fall off.
COMMENTS	A uniquely shaped houseplant with a bulbous and sometimes twisting trunk, it makes for an excellent beginner bonsai. The flowers form in Spring and bloom in Summer, typically they are either red, pink, or white.
TOXICITY	Low severity chance of vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, depression, irregular heartbeat, and death. Large quantities of the plant must be ingested for any symptom to occur.