

Nottingham Bonsai

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Care Sheet Desert Rose - Adenium obesum

Origin: Africa and Middle East

General info

Tropical plant that grows a caudex base and is grown like succulent. Water when soil is dry to touch, full sun and temperatures above 45F.

Over Wintering

Temperatures above 60F to keep foliage, Temperatures between 50-60F loses leaves and goes dormant will regrow leaves as soon as temperature get above 60F. When dormant water just enough to keep caudex from getting soft usually every 2-3 weeks

Lighting

Half to full day Sun

Watering

Water when soil is dry to touch. Summer watering can be increased to hasten growth rate. Well drained soil and pot are important for plant health since overwatering is usually reason for plant failure. When you water make sure you completely wet all the soil in the pot every time you water. Don't pour in a little water every day

Feeding

House plant food used according to labeled rate

Training

Spring time best to prune individual branches to reduced height and increase number of new branches from caudex. Sap of this plant is toxic and care should be used when pruning

Repotting

Repotting spring time as dormancy breaks. Desert rose needs to be placed in larger pot when caudex is 1-2" from edge of pot and place in next size larger pot. Cactus soil can be used for repotting. House plant mixtures can be used with 20% extra perlite added for drainage. When peat based soils are used they should be replaced yearly to avoid overwatering problems

