

# Carissa grandiflora

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**Common Names:** Natal Plum,  
Common Carissa, Amantungula,  
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**Family:** Apocynaceae

**Origin:** South Africa

**Growth:** Bushy

**Light:** Bright, filtered

**Foot Candles:** 150 - 225

**Water:** Let dry out

**Humidity:** 30% - 50%

**Temperature:** 14°C - 28°C

**Soil:** Well draining potting mix

**Container:** Self-watering, indoor hedge

**Nutrients:** 10-20-10 when blooming

**Propagation:** Seed or stem cuttings

**Interiorscape Use:** General flowering greens

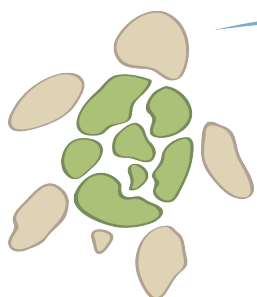


**Common Pests:** Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

**Common Issues:** Root rot when overwater. Susceptible to anthracnose.

**Comments:** It is typically grown indoors either as a bonsai or to produce fruit as some believe the fruit to have many nutritional benefits. Preceding the bright red fruit are attractive white star-shaped flowers.

**Toxicity:** The unripe fruit and plant parts are considered to be a minor toxicity concern. Broken plant parts will bleed a milky sap which can be irritating to eyes.



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