

Pachypodium lamerei

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Common Names: Madagascar Palm, Broad-Leaved Cactus, Pachy, Club Foot

Family: Apocynaceae

Origin: Madagascar

Growth: Upwards, old leaves naturally fall off

Light: Full sun

Foot Candles: 250+

Water: Let dry completely

Humidity: Not required

Temperature: 16°C - 40°C

Soil: Well draining cactus mix

Container: Pot with drainage

Nutrients: 7-7-7 Monthly

Propagation: Stem / branch cuttings, seed

Interiorscape Use: Desert themed atrium, desktop



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

Common Issues: Very sharp spines on the trunk can be somewhat hidden by foliage. The lower leaves will naturally fall off, creating the look of a typical palm. Over watering will result in root and trunk rot.

Comments: While the common name refers to it being a palm, it is not actually a true palm. It also has sharp spines like a cactus, but is not a true cactus either. It has a succulent trunk and prefers to be cared for as a succulent plant.

Toxicity: Contains a latex sap that is poisonous. It is rarely ingested due to the protection of the spines on the trunk.