

Euphorbia candelabrum

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Common Names: Candelabra Tree,
Tree Euphorbia

Family: Euphorbiaceae

Origin: Somalia, South Africa

Growth: Upwards, branching

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, employee personal plant



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

Common Issues: The leaves are short-lived and fall off quickly.

Comments: An interesting plant that resembles both a tree and a cactus. It is also one of the few 'cacti' available that produce leaves, although it is not a true cactus. The sap was used by African tribes to tip their arrows and improve lethality.

Toxicity: Causes minor skin irritation lasting for a few minutes. Ingestion can result in nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. After some delay, contact with the skin can result in redness, swelling, and blisters. The sap is the most toxic, but all parts of the plant are toxic. Can cause blindness if sap contacts the eye.



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