

Sunrise Cactus Care

Rhipsalidopsis



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Cooler temperatures induce the formation of new buds.

Light

- Sunrise Cactus are native to the jungles of Brazil and are known as “Jungle Cacti”. Be mindful, their care is slightly different than other cacti that originate from arid regions.
- They prefer bright diffused light, be sure to keep them protected from direct sunlight, however they will tolerate some direct early morning and late afternoon sun, particularly when in flower. If sitting near a window, East or Northeast-facing directions are ideal.

Water

- Keep the soil evenly moist but never soggy, especially while the plant is growing. After flowering, your cactus will go through a dormant period. Water sparingly for a month while the plant rests. This is an ideal plant for travelers, during this stage they can go several weeks without watering.
- Your cactus will let you know if it isn't getting the proper moisture, if too dry the stems will shrivel and wilt. If too wet, the stems will yellow. As a tip, touch the soil with your fingers. If the soil clings to your fingers, it's still wet. Water when the soil slips off your fingers.

Food

- Feed once a month during the growing season, but discontinue this when new buds appear. Never feed when in flower. An all purpose liquid fertilizer (20-20-20) is standard.

Temperature

- When in flower, set temperature to 21-24°C (70-75F) during the day and 16-21°C (60-70F) at night. The flowers last longer if the cactus is kept in a cooler environment.
- Thermoinduction is a method used by growers to induce bud formation through the use of temperature changes. To set new flowers after the rest period, your Cactus will need 16-18°C (60-65F) days and cooler 7-13°C (45-55°F) nights for about six weeks.

About

- The flowers burst open during the first morning rays of sunlight, and close at the end of each day. It naturally blooms in the spring with blooms lasting in upwards of 3-4 weeks.

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