

Botanical name:
Genus: Adenium
Species: obesum

Common Name(s):
Desert Rose

Latin Family Name:
Apocynaceae
English Family Name:

Numerous hybrids have been developed

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to Africa and the Arabian Peninsula

Growth habit: A tropical evergreen perennials

Flower description: Showy, red, rose or pink with creamy white throat

Blooming period/availability: Seasonal

Leaf/Foliage Description: The leaves are carried in whorls, at the end of the branches. They are generally shiny, grey-green to bright green in color, leathery in texture

Usage : Adenium obesum is grown as a houseplant in temperate and tropical regions

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Very attractive plants with their strange, twisted caudices, branches with crowns of shiny, green leaves at their ends

Gives a very 'Zen' garden feel to the space

They can be grown for many years in a pot and are commonly used for bonsai

Has a capacity to go without water-good for hot and desert like areas

WEAKNESS:

Good only for pot/containers



Care & Handling

Longevity: 5 years plus

Water requirements: Keep compost moist

Light: Adeniums require lots of light

Soil/Nutrition requirements: A very well drained soil to grow

Special care/remarks: Adeniums are appreciated for their colourful flowers, but also for their unusual, thick caudices

They should not be planted in the ground

