

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Euphorbia jansenvillensis

DESCRIPTION: This African spurge is a compact clumping plant with reddish color in good light. It can form mounds more than a foot high and two feet across. Growing at a moderate rate, it quickly takes on the appearance of a hedgehog cactus, to which it is completely unrelated. Flowers are insignificant. It is native to Cape Province in the Republic of South Africa.

RECOMMENDED USE: Due to its frost sensitivity, it is best kept as a container specimen.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Protect from freezing. In the winter it is best kept dry and above 35°F.



Sun tolerance: It can take some full sun, but does best with light shade; especially in the afternoon.



Watering and feeding: Water weekly during warm weather. Feed every two months during the same period.



Soil requirements: Use a fast-draining potting soil.



Pruning: None necessary. As with many plants in the spurge family, when injured this plant produces milky sap that is a skin and eye irritant, and poisonous if ingested.