

EUPHORBIA INGENS



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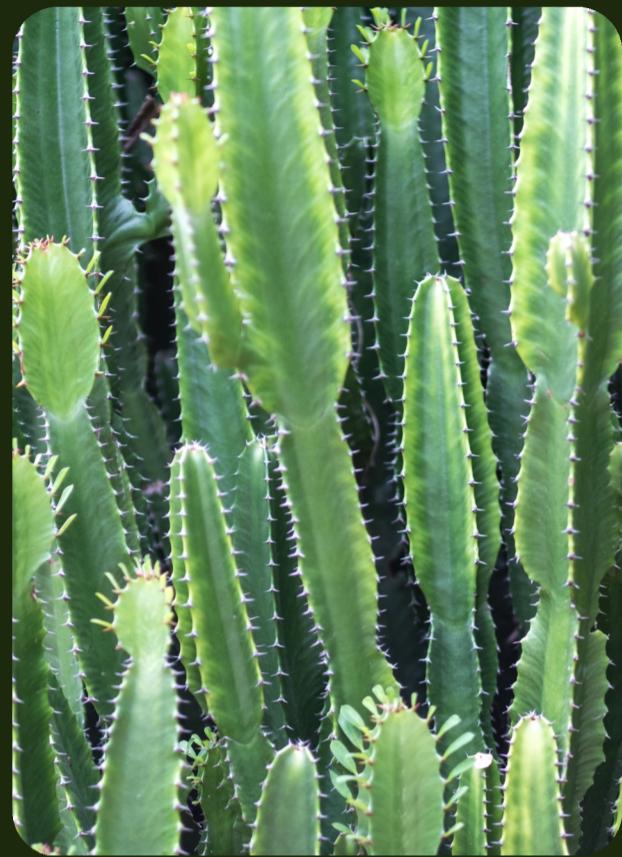
Euphorbia ingens, commonly known as the Cowboy Cactus or Candelabra Tree, is a massive succulent plant belonging to the Euphorbiaceae family. With its vertically rising, ribbed, and spiny branches, it has a classic cactus-like form. Its imposing, sculptural appearance makes it one of the most iconic plants in modern décor and drought-tolerant landscaping.



The species is native to the arid savannas of southern and eastern Africa. In its natural habitat, it can reach heights of 10–12 meters, developing a true tree-like form. Despite the name “Cowboy,” it does not originate from American deserts but from the sun-drenched lands of Africa. Thanks to its ability to thrive with minimal water, it is now widely cultivated around the world both indoors and in warm-climate gardens.

Cultivation and Uses

Euphorbia ingens thrives in abundant sunlight and prefers sandy soils with excellent drainage. Its greatest enemy is overwatering; it should not be watered until the soil has completely dried out. It is sensitive to cold and must be protected from frost. It grows slowly, but under the right conditions, it can live for decades.



In landscaping, it is commonly used as a focal point in minimalist, modern, or “desert-themed” gardens. Thanks to its geometric and vertical form, it creates a strong visual impact even in narrow spaces. An important warning: when the plant is injured or cut, it releases a white milky sap (latex) that is highly irritating; care should be taken to avoid contact with skin and eyes. For this reason, wearing gloves during pruning is strongly recommended.