

Elephant Jade

Portulacaria afra

Care instructions



Info

Elephant Jade (*Portulacaria afra*), also known as dwarf jade or elephant bush, is a succulent shrub native to South Africa. It thrives in arid, rocky environments and is a favorite in bonsai and drought-tolerant gardens. Unlike true jade (*Crassula ovata*), elephant jade has smaller, more closely spaced leaves on reddish stems, and can grow into large, woody bushes in the wild. It prefers full sun to partial shade, gritty, well-draining soil, and minimal watering—allowing the soil to dry completely between waterings. Elephant jade is highly tolerant of heat and light but sensitive to frost, and it can root readily from stem cuttings.

Environmental Considerations

Soil

Loose, well-draining soil with some OrganicContent

Upkeep

Allow soil to dry out between waterings; low humidity

