

Aloe humilis - Plant



Aloe grows wild in tropical climates around the world and is cultivated for agricultural and medicinal uses. Aloe is also used for decorative purposes and grows successfully indoors as a potted plant.

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349

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Description

Description for Aloe humilis

The species is frequently cited as being used in herbal medicine since the beginning of the first century AD. Extracts from Aloe vera are widely used in the cosmetics and alternative medicine industries, being marketed as variously having rejuvenating, healing, or soothing properties. There is, however, little scientific evidence of the effectiveness or safety of Aloe vera extracts for either cosmetic or medicinal purpose. Aloe vera is used in traditional medicine as a skin treatment. In Ayurvedic medicine, it is called khalai.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Khalai, Spider Aloe	orange or yellow	Late winter to spring	1-3 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

The first step in aloe plant care is to realize that this plant is a succulent. Like cacti, succulents do best in dry conditions.

Also, make sure that the pot has plenty of drainage holes. Aloe plants cannot tolerate standing water.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sunlight, so they do best in the south or west facing windows.	When growing aloe plants, plant them in a cactus potting soil mix or a regular potting soil that has been amended with additional perlite or building sand.	Water the plant properly. Watering should be done when the soil feels to touch. When the aloe plant is watered, the soil should be thoroughly drenched.	Warm weather	Aloes do not need to be fertilized. But you want to apply, should be fertilized once a year in the spring. You can use a phosphorus-heavy water-based fertilizer at half strength.

Caring for Aloe humilis

- The most common reason an aloe plant dies is that the owners water too often or do not allow the water to drain.
- Do not make this mistake when taking care of aloe houseplants.

Harvesting

Mature leaves are harvested.

Typical uses of Aloe humilis

Special features: The species name 'humilis' means 'low growing' and refers to the plant's growth habit. Spider Aloe, Aloe humilis perennial evergreen plant, used as the ornamental houseplant, can grow in the desert, Mediterranean, subtropical or tropic climate

Culinary use: NA

Ornamental use: Aloe vera extracts for either cosmetic purposes.

Medicinal use: Not defined

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