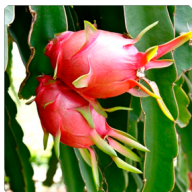


Dragon Fruit, Ajagar Phal (Grown through seeds) - Plant



Dragon fruit produces a beautiful but short-lived fruit with the appearance of a brilliant pink rosebud .

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Price

Sales price R 491

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Description

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The exact origin is unknown, but is likely from Southern Mexico through Costa Rica. A truly amazing cactus, Dragon Fruit Cactus is a highly prolific climber with an epiphytic nature using aerial roots to help propel itself ever higher and farther along what ever path it can find to reach lengths of up to 20 feet or more. Easily adapted to a variety of climates and soils this night blooming cactus is world renowned and is cultivated around the world in tropical regions for the fruit it bears.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Dragon fruit, pitaya, pitahaya, Night blooming Cereus, king of the night, Strawberry Pear, Belle of the Night, Cinderella Plant,	White	May to June	10.00 to 20.00 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Plant flush with the soil line. Fertilize only occasionally. Water the dragon fruit plant in the same manner as a tropical cactus.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun to part shade	Well-drained soil	Medium	10 to 30 degrees C	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Dragon Fruit

- Dragon Fruit Cactus must be treated like a Tropical Cactus and water when nearly dry but try to keep the climbing pole moist. An automatic dripper at the top of the post works well.
- Well drained, sandy cactus mix. Remember try to stay away from wet, mucky soils.
- Fertilizer can be detrimental to Dragon Fruit Cactus and too much can kill the plant so fertilize sparingly with low-nitrogen cactus fertilizer, slow time release is best.

- For in ground planting, broadcast a balanced granular fertilizer once a month.
- Dragon Fruit Cactus are light feeders, however unfertilized they will tend to grow very slowly and virtually remain dormant.

Harvesting

These plants start bearing fruits in the first year itself. Generally, these plants starts flowering in May to June month and bears fruits from Aug to Dec month.

Typical uses of Dragon Fruit

Special features:

This fruit helps in controlling diabetes.

This fruit helps in lowering cholesterol.

This fruit is high in fats and proteins.

This fruit is a good source of antioxidants.

This fruit helps in preventing arthritis.

This fruit helps in improving heart health.

This fruit helps in weight management.

This fruit helps in fighting against ageing.

This fruit helps in preventing asthma.

This fruit helps is high in vitamins & minerals.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose

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