

## Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

***Epiphyllum***– Orchid Cactus  
(Epuh-FYE-luhm)

FAMILY: Cactaceae

ORIGIN: Mexico & Brazil

HABIT: Epiphytic cactus native to forests

SIZE: Up to 3' tall, many will trail over pots

HARDINESS: Not tolerant of summer sun, dry air or cold air

CULTURE: Well drained mix, warm temperatures & high humidity

INTERIOR USE: Hanging basket

FOLIAGE: 6-12" long with gentle undulation along the edge

FLOWERS: Dramatic flowers (some fragrant at night!) adorn this plant in summer.

PROPAGATION: Division and leaf cuttings

PESTS/DISEASES: Mealybug, scale

CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *Epiphyllum oxypetalum*—Queen of the Night

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