

Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

Euphorbia ---Spurge
(YOU-four-bee-uh)

FAMILY: Euphorbiaceae

ORIGIN: Typically Madagascar

HABIT: succulent shrub

SIZE: 1-5' tall

HARDINESS: Zone 10-11

CULTURE: Sharp drained mix, bright light, allow to dry between waterings

LANDSCAPE USE: single specimen

FOLIAGE: Generally ovate leaves emerging from terminals & can drop periodically

FLOWERS: Showy bracts surround small flowers March-September

PROPAGATION: stem cuttings in spring kept in water for a day before insertion

PESTS/DISEASES: generally pest free

CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *E. pulcherrima*—poinsettia
E. milii 'White Lighting'—Crown of thorns
E. tirucalli 'Sticks on Fire'—Pencil tree
E. polygona 'Snowflake'—barrel spurge

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