

Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

Rhipsalis – Mistletoe cactus
(rip-SAL-iss)

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| FAMILY: | Cactaceae |
| ORIGIN: | Brazil and Argentina |
| HABIT: | Trailing perennial |
| SIZE: | 1-3' |
| HARDINESS: | Tolerant of low light, susceptible to over watering |
| CULTURE: | Low to bright light, warm temperature. If temperature is cool and moisture is excessive, then root rot can occur |
| INTERIOR USE: | Hanging basket, tabletop |
| FOLIAGE: | Apple-green stems with numerous hairs. Weeping habit with occasional upright shoots. |
| FLOWERS: | White flowers then red fruits if properly cared for. |
| PROPAGATION: | Tip cuttings, be careful not to keep cuttings too wet and humid |
| PESTS/DISEASES: | Rot if over watered |
| CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: | <i>R. cruciforme</i> —thicker stems <i>R. eliptica</i> —flattened stems |

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