

Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

Senecio – Senecio
(sin-EE-see-oh)

FAMILY: Compositae

ORIGIN: South Africa & Madagascar

HABIT: Pendulous to upright depending on species

SIZE: 1-3'

HARDINESS: Tolerant of cool drafts and full sun.

CULTURE: Bright light, warm temperatures & well drained media

INTERIOR USE: Hanging basket or pot specimen depending on species

FOLIAGE: Enlarged leaves along long stems

FLOWERS: Typically small white brush-like flowers in summer

PROPAGATION: Stem cuttings in spring & summer

PESTS/DISEASES: Mealybug and root rot

CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *S. rowleyanus*—string of beads
S. crassissimus-vertical leaf senecio
S. scaposus—tufted senecio
S. cylindricus—vertical leaf chalkstick
S. serpens—blue chalksticks

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