

## Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

***Aloe*** – Aloe  
(Al-ohh)

FAMILY: Liliaceae (Aloeaceae)

ORIGIN: South Africa

HABIT: basal rosette to small trees

SIZE: Up to 4' tall and wide

HARDINESS: Very tolerant of sun, drafts, and dry air

CULTURE: Well drained mix

INTERIOR USE: Floor specimen or conservatory potted plant

FOLIAGE: 1-4' long slender leaves typically with benign spines along the edges

FLOWERS: Spiky inflorescence of yellow, red & white

PROPAGATION: Division and seed, basal pups form

PESTS/DISEASES: Mealybug, scale

CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *Aloe barbadensis*—Aloe vera  
*A. jacksonii*—similar to aloe vera  
*A. striata*—striped aloe  
*A. aristata*--guinea fowl aloe  
*A. arborescens*— candelabra aloe

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