

*Adenium obesum* (Forssk.) Roem. & Schult.

- *Desert Rose (Adenium obesum)* is not a rose at all; it is a deciduous succulent plant.
- It is a widely used ornamental plant they known for their attractive flower.
- It is native to tropical Africa and Arabia.
- Its common names include Sabi star, Kudu, Mock azalea, Impala lily and Desert rose.

*Its systematic position according to APG system of classification:*

<i>Kingdom</i>	:	<i>Plantae</i>
<i>Clade</i>	:	<i>Tracheophytes</i>
<i>Clade</i>	:	<i>Angiosperms</i>
<i>Clade</i>	:	<i>Eudicots</i>
<i>Clade</i>	:	<i>Asterids</i>
<i>Order</i>	:	<i>Gentianales</i>
<i>Family</i>	:	<i>Apocynaceae</i>
<i>Genus</i>	:	<i>Adenium</i>
<i>Species</i>	:	<i>A. obesum</i>

*The Desert Rose is popular as an ornamental plant but not often seen as a bonsai. It is vigorous and healthy under the right conditions and with proper care. The Desert Rose Bonsai adapts easily to growing in a pot, what makes it well suited for bonsai. During winter time the plant will drop its leaves except in special tropical climates. The milk sap of the Desert Rose is poisonous. Extracts from the root have shown a cytotoxic effect against several carcinoma cell lines*

<i>Nomenclatural details</i>	<a href="http://theplantlist.org/tpl1.1/record/kew-3030">http://theplantlist.org/tpl1.1/record/kew-3030</a>
<i>Wikipedia details</i>	<a href="https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adenium_obesum">https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adenium_obesum</a>
<i>Tropical plant details</i>	<a href="http://tropical.theferns.info/viewtropical.php?id=Adenium+obesum">http://tropical.theferns.info/viewtropical.php?id=Adenium+obesum</a>
<i>Flowers of India</i>	<a href="http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Desert%20Rose.html">http://www.flowersofindia.net/catalog/slides/Desert%20Rose.html</a>
<i>Research article</i>	<a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/301847549_Biological_Activities_of_Adenium_obesum_Forsk_Roem_Schult_A_Concise_Review">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/301847549_Biological_Activities_of_Adenium_obesum_Forsk_Roem_Schult_A_Concise_Review</a>
<i>India biodiversity portal</i>	<a href="https://indiabiodiversity.org/species/show/228592">https://indiabiodiversity.org/species/show/228592</a>