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**Botanical Name:** Portulacaria afra Variegata

**Common Names:** Variegated Elephant Bush, Dwarf Jade, Succulent,

**Native:** No

**Foliage Type:** Evergreen

**Plant Type:** Hedging / Screening, Shrubs, Succulents & Cacti

**Plant Habit:** Shrub Like, Upright

**Description:**

Popular succulent which over time, will produce thick tree-like brown branches with small fleshy, smooth green and cream variegated leaves. Very tough, often pruned as a bonsai, used as an indoor plant, in courtyards and pots. Tiny mauve flowers appear in Summer if conditions are favourable. Grows approx. 2.5m tall.

**Family Name:** Didiereaceae

**Origin:** Africa

**Characteristics:**

**Foliage Colours:** Cream, Green, Variegated

**Flower Colours:** Purple

**Flower Fragrant:** No

**Flowering Season:** Summer

**Fruit:** Yes

**Requirements:**

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Maintenance Level:** Low

**Water Usage:** Low

**Tolerances:**

**Drought:** High

**Frost:** Tender

**Wind:** Tender

**Mature Height:** 2-4m

**Position:** Any, Full Sun, Semi Shade, Shade

**Mature Width:** 1-2m

**Soil Type:** Well Drained

**Landscape Use(s):** Balcony / Roof, Borders / Shrubbery, Coastal Garden, Courtyard, Feature, Foliage Feature / Colour, Hedging / Screening, Indoor Plant, Low Water Garden, Rockery, Shady Garden, Container / Pot

**Pest & Diseases:**

Generally trouble free

**Cultural Notes:**

Grows approx. 2.5m tall, but can be pruned to desired height. Suited to well draining soil. You can get a cactus and succulent specific potting mix. Suited to a gravel mulch.

**Plant Care:**

Annual slow release fertiliser, Keep moist during dry periods

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