



## Product Information

Schlumbergera x buckleyii or Christmas Cactus grow wild in the rainforests of Brazil, where they grow in trees rather than in soil. These are not cacti, but epiphytes that thrive in pockets where leaves and other organic matter accumulates.

Christmas Cactus are named for their blooming season which is typically from late fall through to January. The plant generously blooms with many multi-petaled, satiny 2.5-4cm flowers hanging from pendulous branches in shades of lavender, purple, pink, red or white.

Native Habitat – South America

## Care Tips

Although Christmas Cactus can adapt to low light levels, they produce more flowers on plants that are exposed to bright indirect light. It is also possible to move them outside in the summer provided they receive shade or partial shade.

Christmas Cactus perform well at typical indoor temperatures of 20°C, however flowers will last longer if provided cooler night temperatures down to 15°C. Avoid placing near sources of heat such as fireplace or heat vents as it can cause premature flower drop.

Water thoroughly when the top half of the soil feels dry to the touch. During summer months keep the soil continually moist. When fall arrives, water the plant only enough to prevent wilting. Start feeding twice a month with a complete liquid fertilizer once new growth appears in spring, and cease once flower buds begin to form each fall.