

Nerium oleander



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Genus: Nerium

Family: Apocynaceae

Order: Gentianales

Class: Magnoliopsida

Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Highly toxic to humans and pets if ingested.

Invasiveness: Can be invasive in some regions.

Plant Type: Evergreen shrub.

Lifespan: Perennial.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: 1-2 meters (up to 6 meters in ideal conditions).

Spread: 1-2 meters.

Leaf Color: Dark green, leathery.

Bloom Time: Late spring to fall.

Flower Size: Medium, about 2-5 cm.

Flower Color: White, pink, red, yellow.

Distribution:

Origin: Native to Mediterranean and Asia.

Habitat: Found in coastal areas, dry riverbeds, and scrublands.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Toughness: Very tough, drought-tolerant.

Maintenance: Low to moderate.

Watering: Water moderately; drought-tolerant once established.

Pruning: Prune after flowering to shape and control size.

Propagation: Stem cuttings.

Repotting: Repot every 2-3 years for container plants.

Conditions:

Temperature: Prefers warm climates, tolerates temperatures down to -6°C.

Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 8-11.

Sunlight: Full sun.

Soil: Well-draining, tolerates poor soil.

Location: Suitable for outdoor gardens, containers, or borders.

Pests and Diseases: Aphids, scale insects, and spider mites; can suffer from bacterial leaf scorch and root rot if overwatered.

