

November 2025 Plant of the Month

Moroccan Mound

Euphorbia resinifera

Plant Form: Succulent

Water Use: Very low

Mature Size: 1-2 ft. tall x 3-5 ft. wide

Exposure: Full sun, part sun

Bloom Time: Winter (Feb), Spring (Mar-May),

Native to: Morocco, Canary Islands

Hardiness: Cold Hardy to 20°F

Moroccan Mound's defense adaptations against herbivores are what adds to this plant's striking appearance. Its four-sided stems are covered in dense clusters of spines that vary in color from black to reddish-brown to yellow. Although it looks like a cactus, this slow-growing succulent is in the spurge family, and forms a low-growing, compact mound of thick, cylindrical stems that is well-suited to desert conditions. Its other name, Resin Spurge, refers to the white, milky sap known as latex that is exuded from the stems if they are cut or damaged, which can be irritating to the eyes and skin, and is poisonous if ingested. Small yellow blooms appear along its stem margins in spring. This intriguing plant thrives in well-draining soil in full-sun exposure, and needs little or no additional water most of the year. Once established, it is self-sufficient. This effortless plant is resistant to pests and diseases, and is deer and rabbit resistant. Moroccan Mound is used in borders, flower beds, dry shade, rock gardens, Mediterranean gardens, by patios and pools, and in containers.



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