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## Plant of the Month

*Euphorbia millii* (You-for-be-a millie-i)

When you need a shrubby plant for your succulent garden, *Euphorbia millii* is a great choice. *Euphorbia millii* flowers year-round in inland Southern California. The “flowers” are actually bracts surrounding the insignificant flower. The bracts can be red, yellow, or pink, depending on the variety. Be on the lookout for new varieties being hybridized in Thailand that have huge bracts with different color combinations.

*Euphorbia millii* comes from southern Madagascar and can tolerate full sun in the Inland Empire area of Southern California. They are a frost-tender plant, however, and will show signs of cold damage at temperatures below 30 degrees. However they will survive short periods of frost and any damaged tips can be pruned out in the spring.. Plant *millii* in well-draining soil. *Euphorbia* are one of the few succulent species that appreciate a regular supply of water.

This spiny shrub, commonly called “crown of thorns” can range in size from the petite variety *nova* to the 5-6 foot *v. hislopilii*. They are an excellent addition to the succulent garden.



*Euphorbia millii*  
*v. hislopilii*



*Euphorbia millii*  
*v. millii*



*Euphorbia millii*  
*v. nova*