



SEED OF THE MONTH:

Common Name: Night Blooming Cereus – Dragon Fruit or Strawberry Pear.

Scientific Name: Hylocereus undatus

Height:

20 feet

Spacing:

24 "

Sun Exposure:

Full Sun

Bloom Color: White nocturnal blooms

Bloom Time: Approximately 2 yrs. from seed less than that when planted from slip.

Other Details:

The Night Blooming Cereus is a light feeder and doesn't require a lot of fertilizing. When fertilizing use a slow release, low nitrogen fertilizer. You might also like to place a climbing pole into your container and train your Cereus to grow nicely making harvesting easy. Trim your plant when it becomes too large for your space.

Soil Requirements: Well drained sandy soil. If planting in a container the container should be 24 inches in diameter or larger and using a cactus potting mixture would be ideal. For in-ground planting try placing your plant inside a tire as this might be a nice way to help control the spreading of this plant, making it more manageable to collect fruit.

Water Requirements: Water only when absolutely dry and then only water lightly.

The Dragon Fruit plant grows easily by seed but will fruit faster if you plant slips. When planting by seed, plant in line with the soil line.

Known Uses:

This very tasty fruit is ready when the outside is pinkish or yellow (depending on variety) and if you push in on fruit and it's soft like an avocado it's ready to eat.