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The Genus *Crassula*

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This genus, with about 280 succulent members, is in the Crassulaceae family. Found in many parts of the world, the better-known succulent crassula in cultivation come mainly from South Africa. *Crassula* are leaf succulents and are often propagated through cuttings of their leaves or stems. The popular Jade plant (*Crassula ovata*) is a crassula.



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A. *Crassula capitella* by Eric Hunt.
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B. *Crassula barklyi* at Lankverwatch farm,
South Africa. Photo by Mike Douglas

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Flowers tend to be small and pink, white or sometimes scarlet, thus the plants rather than the flowers are what attracts succulent plant enthusiasts. Crassula are popular in container gardens.



C. *Crassula haemisphaerica*.

D. Flowers of *Crassula deceptor*.

E. *Crassula rupestris*

Photos (C,D and E) taken by Mike Douglas at the Lankverwatch farm near Vanrhynsdorp in western South Africa