

**Portulacaria afra**

*Elephant’s food/the Pork bush*

Portulacaria afra is a succulent shrub with small rounded leaves and a contrasting red stem.

It is proudly South African, evergreen and performs best in sunny positions. Portulacaria is generally suited to all areas of SA but is not ideal in heavy frost areas.

‘Elephants food’ can comfortably reach a height of 3 metres but is very easily trimmed into versatile hedges and screening plants.

Late winter and spring bring a flash of tiny pink flowers to this plant. These flowers are a rich form of nectar for insects .This in turn ensures your garden will be filled with birds.

Portulacaria afra is a marvellous drought tolerant plant, a carbon sponge and an excellent soil binder as it prevents soil erosion. All in all an easy to grow and very rewarding shrub!