

## *Crassula ovata*

### Scientific classification

**Kingdom** : Plantae  
**Clade** : Angiosperms  
**Order** : Saxifragales  
**Family** : Crassulaceae  
**Genus** : Crassula  
**Species** : C.ovata



### Description

*Crassula ovata*, commonly known as jade plant, lucky plant, money plant or money tree, is a succulent plant with small pink or white flowers. The jade plant is an evergreen with thick branches. It grows as an upright, rounded, thick-stemmed, strongly branched shrub and reaches stature heights of up to 2.5 metres.. The succulent shoots are gray-green. The bark of older branches peels off in horizontal, brownish stripes. Leaves are a rich jade green, has thick, shiny, smooth leaves that grow in opposing pairs along the branches. The oppositely arranged, ascending to spreading. The fleshy, bare, obovate, wedge-shaped leaf blade is 3 to 9 centimetres long and 1.8 to 4 centimetres wide. The sharp-edged leaf margins are often reddish.

### Uses

Crassula Ovata is a perfect indoor air purifying plant. Crassula Ovata also called as Jade Plant is known to be particularly effective in absorbing toluene emitted from gasoline, paints, kerosene and lacquers. Jade plants follow CAM, and they can absorb CO<sub>2</sub> during the night and boost the air quality. It is a versatile home remedy used for treating warts, nausea, corns, and diarrhea.