

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Curio hallianus (syn. Senecio hallianus)
Family	Asteraceae
Origin	South Africa, Cape region
Delivery size	14 cm hanging pot · approximately 20–25 cm shoot/trailing length
Growth and distinctive feature	Creeping to trailing succulent with thin shoots and elongated blue-grey bean-like leaves

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Bright; gentle sun after acclimatisation.	The top of the pot needs daylight too.
Water	Let the root ball dry noticeably, then water.	Water-storing leaves allow intervals.
Inspection	Take the hanging pot down to check if needed.	Surface dryness can be misleading.
Drainage	Remove all residual water.	Wet shoot bases can rot.
Compost	Airy succulent mix.	Roots need oxygen.
Fertiliser	Sparingly during growth.	High salt applications are unnecessary.
Winter	Bright and frost-free; water less.	Water use decreases.
Propagation	Carefully root healthy shoot sections.	This can fill out a sparse structure.

Knowledge that grows

Blue beans on fine strings

The slender fleshy leaves are blue-grey and slightly curved. They sit on thin shoots that trail over the pot rim. The offer lists a 14 cm hanging pot with approximately 20–25 cm trailing length. This is not total height including the hanger. The scene accordingly shows short young trailing growth. An individual product photograph may include longer example shoots; the stated delivery length determines the impression of size.

Hallianus is not the string of watermelons

The shop names *Senecio hallianus* or *Curio hallianus*. Kew accepts *Curio hallianus* as a distinct species from South Africa's Cape region. It belongs to the Asteraceae family. It cannot simply be equated with *Curio herreianus*, which has differently shaped striped leaves. The round spheres of the classic string of pearls are another leaf shape too. These differences remain in text, search and images. The bean-like parts are leaves, not edible fruit.

The hanging pot needs light at the top too

A bright position with gentle sunshine after acclimatisation is favourable. If the plant hangs too high below a dark ceiling, the lower shoots may receive some light while the pot surface becomes bare. Position the hanger so that the entire structure receives daylight. Avoid hot, unprotected midday sun after darker transport. In summer, a warm outdoor position sheltered from rain is possible. Bring it indoors in good time before cold weather. Shoots must hang freely without rubbing against doors or furniture edges.

Read water needs from the root ball

Let the compost dry noticeably between waterings. Then water evenly and allow it to drain. A heavy hanging pot may still be moist inside even when the surface looks dry. Take it down for inspection and watering if necessary. Do not leave a permanently filled water tray under the root ball. The water-storing leaves bridge intervals, but should not regularly be deprived until they shrink severely. Water less often in winter when growth decreases.

Airy compost and gentle rejuvenation

A container with a drainage hole and a loose succulent mix supplemented with minerals help drying. Do not pre-emptively put it in a much larger hanging pot. Healthy shoot pieces can be carefully rooted after the cuts dry. This can fill out an older sparse plant. Do not forcibly untangle long shoots; leaf bases and stems are more sensitive than their firm surfaces suggest. Feed sparingly according to the label during growth. Do not polish away the blue-grey leaf coating.

Understanding bare patches and soft shoots

Bare patches at the top can relate to lack of light, ageing shoots or root problems. Check position and root ball together. Soft, dark shoot bases in wet compost argue against extra watering. Dry thin tips above completely dry compost need different treatment. Overwinter in bright, frost-free conditions and be particularly careful with water when cool. Check leaf bases for mealybugs. Small pale flower heads are possible, but are not promised as a delivery feature of this hanging plant.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Original shop photograph: blue string of beans. 14 cm hanging pot · approximately 20–25 cm shoot/trailing length. Natural variations are possible.

Good to know

Are the small beans fruit?

No. They are fleshy water-storing leaves.

Is this the classic string of pearls?

No. The classic string of pearls has round leaves; hallianus shows elongated blue-grey forms.

How long are the trailing shoots on delivery?

The shop lists approximately 20-25 cm shoot or trailing length in a 14 cm hanging pot.

Why is the hanging pot becoming bare at the top?

One reason may be that the pot area hangs in too little light. Check roots and moisture too.

The matching offer

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