

Examples of type of plants that survive in a harsh desert environment.



Aloe Vera

Aloe vera is a type of succulent plant. The gel that can be squeezed out of its leaves has been used by people for hundreds of years for its healing properties. Many people use it to treat dry skin. The juice is added to cosmetics and commercially produced drinks.

Aloe vera originated in North Africa but was introduced to China and Europe in the 17th Century. Today it is widespread and flourishes in many environments.



A baobab tree has a thick trunk shaped like a bottle where it stores moisture.



Cactus plants retain water and are often covered in protective spikes.



Spinifex Grass is a tough spiky plant that survives in the poorest of soils.

