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*Disocactus flagelliformis*

[Synonyms : *Aporocactus flagelliformis*, *Aporocactus leptophis*, *Cactus flagelliformis*, *Cereus flagelliformis*]

**RAT'S TAIL CACTUS** is a cactus. Native to Mexico it has pink to crimson flowers.

It is also known as *Käärmeaktus* (Finnish), *Ormkaktus* (Swedish), and Rat's bane cactus.

The flowers close at night and bloom for up to four days.

*Flagelliformis* is derived from Latin *flagellum* (whip) and *-formis* (shape) components meaning 'whip-like' with reference to the thin and supple long stems.

This cactus is familiar in many countries as a pot plant.