

“Christmas Cactus” - *Schlumbergera*

Tribe: Ripsalideae. Family: CACTACEAE

(syn. *Epiphyllanthus*, *Epiphyllum*, *Opuntiopsis*, *Rhipsalidopsis*, *Zygocactus*, *Zygocereus*)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schlumbergera>

“Before”

(Winter 2006/2007)



“After”

(February 28 2007)



Photos by R. Joseph Collet

This plant hadn't bloomed in two or three years. The leaves were dry and some suffered from *chlorosis*. After adding (a few weeks ago) about 1 tablespoon of Montmorillonite clay containing

trace elements organically chelated by fulvic and humic acids, look what happened in the dead of the Winter!



Notice many new shoots, longer branches, darker, waxier leaves and the beautiful flowers.

Close-up