

# Dragon Blood Trees

Dragon blood trees are in Socotra. Socotra is a group of islands. It's in the Arabian Sea. The trees look strange. Their treetops form crowns. They look like umbrellas. The shape helps the trees **survive**. Survive means to stay alive.

Socotra is **arid**. This means dry. There's little water. There's also little soil. The treetops are **densely** packed. Dense means thick. The crowns provide shade. They hold water in.

This reduces **evaporation**. Evaporation is when water changes to a gas. The shade also helps **seedlings** grow. Seedlings are baby plants. They're under the crowns. These trees grow close together.



*Dragon blood trees usually flower in February.*