



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Golden Barrel

Echinocactus grusonii

DESCRIPTION: Golden Barrels are native to Querétaro, southeast of our region in Mexico, where habitat destruction has almost eliminated them. They grow at a moderate rate to three feet or more. Occasionally they develop multiple heads. Flowers are small and yellow, emerging from the felty crown of the plant. The plant's most attractive feature is the striking yellow spines. An interesting, uncommon crested form is available.

RECOMMENDED USE: Golden Barrel can be used as a container plant, or in the landscape as an accent, a specimen in a rock garden, or in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape

CULTURE:



Hardiness: To the upper teens.



Sun tolerance: They grow and bloom their best in full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Water every week during the warm season. Fertilize in April.



Soil requirements: Most soils that drain well will do.



Pruning: No pruning is necessary. Keep leaf litter cleaned out from ribs and spines.