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### **Bishop's Miter or Birrete de Obispo** *Astrophytum myriostigma*

**DESCRIPTION:** This unusual cactus is grown for its wonderful form and color, as well as its large yellow flowers. It blooms readily at 2" in height and may eventually grow to be 12" or more tall. Bishop's Miter Cactus is native to central and northern Mexico, primarily in the Chihuahuan Desert. In culture, this species readily hybridizes with *Astrophytum capricorne*. Seedlings show a wide range of variations between the parent plants.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Can be kept in a container, or used in-ground in a rock garden or patio.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** Winter hardy to at least 15°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to all day light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** In a container, it will need weekly watering in hot weather. Feed with a weak liquid fertilizer monthly from April until September.



**Soil requirements:** Any fast draining soil in the ground. In a container, use cactus potting mix.



**Pruning:** None needed.