



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Hybrid Candle Cactus

*Cleistocactus hyalacanthus* ×

**DESCRIPTION:** *Cleistocactus* is a popular cactus genus containing between 50 and 100 species. This hybrid Candle Cactus is upright, but may need support after growing 3' tall. The real beauty of this cactus are the tubular red-orange flowers, followed by persistent marble-sized pink fruit. They can bloom for 8 months of the year! They attract hummingbirds.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use in a landscape for its form, beautiful spines, and flowers. It can also be grown in containers; staked upright or allowed to drape.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Very hardy, down to at least 15<sup>0</sup>F.



**Sun tolerance:** Moderate shade to strong sunlight is fine, but not reflected heat.



**Watering and feeding:** In its natural habitat it receives plenty of water during the summer, but almost none over the winter. In cultivation, watering too much in winter often leads to root rot. Fertilize yearly during the growing season.



**Soil requirements:** The cactus prefers free draining soils,



**Pruning:** None necessary.