

Botanical Name: *Echinocactus grusonii*

Common Name: Golden Barrel Cactus



Family: Cactaceae

Native Distribution: Baja and Sonora, Mexico to South America

Plant Size: Low, round 3' high to 2' round cylindrical cactus

Flowers: Up to 2" yellow, sometimes unnoticeable flowers, on mature specimens receiving full sun, from end of March to end of April

Foliage: Single rounded, bright green ribbed column with golden yellow, gently curved spines along ribs

Site Preferences: Full sun to partial sun in Phoenix

Landscape Uses: Use as accents, in containers, or dramatic in mass plantings.

Other Stuff:

- Normally solitary, but can produce offsets.
- Nearly extinct in Mexico.
- Large amounts of "wool" on apex to protect the plant.
- Some can burn in the west summer sun.
- Hardy to 14° F (-10°C) for short periods.
- One of the most common landscape cactus in Phoenix.
- Natural rainfall with supplemental water in drought years and for faster growth.
- Will rot in poorly draining soil.