

Botanical Name: *Ferocactus cylindraceus*

Common Name: Compass Barrel



Family: Cactaceae

Native Distribution: Southwest U.S. to Sonora and Baja California

Plant Size: Up to 8-10' tall and barrel-shaped, but more often 3-4' tall

Flowers: Funnel-shaped yellow to orange flowers, sometimes tipped in red, from May through August

Foliage: Flattened, curved, or hooked central spines varying in color from white-red-yellow to brown with reddish hair-like to stout radials

Site Preferences: Full sun, well-drained soil

Landscape Uses: In Phoenix, use as specimen, in native designs, and around or near boulders.

Other Stuff:

- Very common in the Sonoran desert.
- Solitary, slow-growing, and will point to the south as they mature.
- Hardy to 20° F.
- Prefers elevations of 2-5,000 ft.
- Very beautiful with dew or rain.
- Spines not as red as the red barrel cactus.
- Will die from too much water or not enough sun.