

Ferocactus cylindraceus

(California barrel cactus, Desert Barrel)

This plant is known as the 'fierce or wild cactus'; they are defined by their barrel shape and are one of the largest cacti of the North American deserts. Their surface is covered with heavy spines, and the flowers always grow at the top of the plant. The fruit starts to become fleshy and juicy when mature but they aren't always edible.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Cactus féroce

Pronunciation: feer-oh-KAK-tus sil-in-DRAY-see-us

Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent

Origin: United States, Mexico

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Indoor, Container, Green Wall, Rock Garden

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Round, oval

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m, 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Shape: Needle

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange, Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3, 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Yellow, Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed

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