

Echinopsis huascha

(Red torch cactus, Desert’s blooming jewel)

Native to North Argentina, Echinopsis huascha is an upright plant at the center. It's distinguished by its many stems with colorful flowers on the tip of these stems. Flowers exist in yellow or orange color. This plant attracts hummingbirds, as they are the plant's primary pollinator.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Cactus-oursin
Pronounciation: E-ki-NOP-sis ha-US-ka
Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent
Origin: Argentina
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: Columnar, Upright
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m
Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange, Red, Purple, White

Seasons: Spring

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green, Yellow, Red

Seasons: Spring

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Other Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Diseases: Fungus

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
