

Cereus peruvianus

(Peruvian Apple Cactus)

Cereus peruvianus is an upright/columnar succulent perennial that grows in the wild and in containers. It is highly drought tolerant and full of long spines. It has large white flowers that grow up to 15 cm. The flowers bloom only at night and during summer. Flowers are followed by edible fruits.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name:	Cactus cierge
Arabic Name:	شمعية عسمااء
Plant Type:	Cactus / Succulent
Origin:	South America
Heat Zones:	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones:	9, 10, 11
Uses:	Indoor, Container, Edible, Wildlife
Size/Shape	
Growth Rate:	Slow
Tree Shape:	Columnar, Upright
Canopy Symmetry:	Irregular
Canopy Density:	Open
Canopy Texture:	Coarse
Height at Maturity:	5 to 8 m
Time to Ultimate Height:	5 to 10 Years
Notes	Can be used for xeriscaping

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Fruit Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Spines

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Summer

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements:

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Surface Rooting: No

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting