

Cereus monstuosus

(Cactus monstrous)

With a columnar form and gray-blue to gray-green stem, *Cereus monstuosus* is a horticultural variety, one of the genus *Cereus* species, originating from the South-East of Brazil to the north of Argentina.

Landscape Information

French Name: cactus monstrueux

Arabic Name: الصبار وحشية

Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent

Origin: Southeast of South America

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: Specimen, Indoor, Container, Rock Garden

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years



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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Spiny

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Summer

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Bark Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Root rot

Edible Parts: Fruit

Pests: Scales, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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