

## Mammillaria elongata

### (Ladyfinger Cactus, Golden Stars)

**M. elongata** is a succulent ground cover, that forms with time clumps of erect, ascending stems. This may be the most common Mammillaria to be found and occurs in more variations than any other Mammillaria species. It commonly comes in many colour and spine variations.



Plant Image

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#### Landscape Information

**Pronunciation:** Mam-mil-ar-ee-uh ee-long-gah-tuh

**Plant Type:** Cactus / Succulent

**Origin:** Central 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, Rock Garden

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Columnar

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Height at Maturity:** Less than 0.5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** Less than 50 cm

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral

**Leaf Venation:** Nearly Invisible

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Needle

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Yellow, White

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Red

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Scales, Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image