

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

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

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

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow, White

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

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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