

## Cephalocereus senilis

### (Old Man Cactus, old man of Mexico, bunny cactus)

Old man cactus is a slender, columnar succulent native to the rocky regions of central Mexico. It is densely covered with long, bristly, grayish white hairs that resemble those on the head of an elderly gentleman. These are pollinated by moths and bats and followed by pinkish red fruits.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Tête de vieillard

**Arabic Name:** صبار الرجل العجوز

**Pronunciation:** sef-uh-low-KER-ee-us SEE-nil-is

**Plant Type:** Cactus / Succulent

**Origin:** Mexico, South America (Hidalgo, 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:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** Columnar, Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 20 to 50 Years

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Whorled

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Textures:** Hairy

**Leaf Scent:** Pleasant

**Color(growing season):** Silver

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Pink

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Trunk

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Rough Texture, Spines

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### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Green, Red, Pink

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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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

**Toxicity:** Yes

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Mowing Height:** 5 - 7 cm

**Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all

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

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Diseases:** Fungus

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Offset

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## MORE IMAGES



Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image