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Cardón

Pachycereus pringlei

Description: Cardóns are similar in appearance to Saguaros, but are more bluish in color and become taller and more massive. They can be kept smaller in containers. Cardóns can be found along the coast of Sonora, north of Navajoa. In Baja California, they are a striking, and major feature of the central and southern desert landscapes. Flowering begins when the plant reaches 12 to 15 ' tall. Like the Saguaro, their flowers are nocturnal, white, and bat pollinated, but will remain open into the next morning.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent, specimen, for its form, or in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape. It can be used in a large patio container, but will grow slowly.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Protect tips from temperatures below 26°F.



Sun tolerance: Grows best in full sun, but can tolerate very light shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use, but will respond to irrigation during hot weather. Fertilize containerized plants yearly.



Soil requirements: Any soil that drains



Pruning: None.