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Clavelina *Cylindropuntia molesta*

DESCRIPTION: Clavelina is one of the most ferocious chollas (the botanist who gave it its scientific name will attest to that). It has dense 2” golden spines and joints that readily detach. The reddish to yellow flowers are not particularly large nor numerous. It probably reproduces almost exclusively by means of detached joints. It grows quickly to a 3’ to 8’ thicket. Clavelina is native to the Vizcaíno region of Baja California, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use in a desert landscape. Particularly attractive when planted where the spines can be viewed back-lit by the rising or setting sun.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Good to the low 20’s.



Sun tolerance: Full sun



Watering and feeding: Low water use. Fertilization not necessary.



Soil requirements: Any soil.



Pruning: As needed to control. Plant away from paths.