



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Thelocactus *Thelocactus hexaedrophorus*

DESCRIPTION: Usually solitary, globular stems. These are small to medium sized plants with a beautiful spination and showy flowers. Thelocactus is globe-shaped, short and cylindrical. *T. hexaedrophorus* is native to limestone soils of San Luis Potosi, Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Solitary, up to 8 inches in diameter (20 cm), spines variable in length depending on the clone. White flower, 4 inches in diameter (10 cm). The variety *lloydii* from Zacatecas has a pink flower. There can be from 8 to 20 ribs, are rather low and normally marked with raised, angular or hexagonal tubercles. The central spines are coarse, numbering up to six, and stand vertically out from the plant and can be 2.5 – 7.5 cm long. Colors of the spines vary and include white, gray, golden-yellow and red-brown. Funnel-shaped diurnal flowers grow from the new areoles at the very top of the plant.

RECOMMENDED USE: Great for container culture or in a cactus or rock garden, where it can be enjoyed.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Completely winter hardy in the Tucson area.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Occasional watering during the warm season while in the ground, but weekly watering if kept in a container. Fertilize 2 or 3 times during the warm-weather growing season.



Soil requirements: Use fast-draining potting soil. In the ground, make sure soil drains.



Pruning: None necessary.