

Methods:

Measure the height of a fruiting fishhook barrel cactus. Pick one fruit from the cactus. Try not to take fruit from the very center or very edge of the fruit patch – aim for somewhere in between.

Cut the fruit open and leave it to dry (about a week).

Once the seeds are dry, scrape them out into a bowl.

There can be a lot of seeds, so it may be easiest to divide them into several bowls and count each bowl separately. Add those numbers together and report the total number of seeds.

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