



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Baja Pencil Cholla, Choya Tesajo

Cylindropuntia tesajo

DESCRIPTION: An upright, relatively thin-stemmed cholla. Green stems have purplish marks. It can grow to around 3 feet tall, but often stays smaller. Baja Pencil Cholla is native to low desert habitats of Baja California and BC Sur. The blooming period is late spring to early summer. Flowers are greenish-yellow.

RECOMMENDED USE: Can be used in desert or xeriscape landscaping, rock garden, or as a potted accent.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Frost hardy to around 20° F.



Sun tolerance: Sun or light shade.



Watering and feeding: Water up to once a week during the hottest months. Discontinue watering during winter dormancy. Fertilization is not necessary.



Soil requirements: Most soils that drain. In containers use a well-drained potting mix.



Pruning: Not usually necessary.