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### Devil's Club Cholla or Casa Rata *Grusonia invicta*

**DESCRIPTION:** This unusual cactus grows in clumps approximately 2 feet high and several feet across. The deep green club-shaped joints are 5 inches long and fiercely armed with stout spines; hence its scientific name roughly translating to “invincible points”. These spines are at first bright red at the base, turning grayish-white and finally black. The flowers have yellow petals and bloom from April to May. Devil's Club Cholla grows in silty, sandy, or gravelly soil near the coast from the Vizcaíno Desert Region to just north of the Cape Region of Baja California Sur, Mexico.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** (accent, specimen, shade, form, color, screen, barrier, ground cover, border, enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape, patio container, hanging pot, attract wildlife, etc.)

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Hardy to the lower 20's.



**Sun tolerance:** Needs full sun for best growth.



**Watering and feeding:** Low water use; can be taken off irrigation once established in the ground. No fertilizing needed outside of containers.



**Soil requirements:** Any soil that drains. Use a fast-draining potting soil for containers.



**Pruning:** None necessary.