



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Easter Lily Cacti

Lobivia species and hybrids

DESCRIPTION: Easter Lily Cactus, also known as sea urchin cactus, is sometimes sold under the scientific name of *Echinopsis*. There are dozens of species and even more cultivated varieties and hybrids. They all have native origins in South America. Easter Lily Cacti vary in size from thimble sized species up to clumps of dozens of heads several feet tall. Flowers vary in species and varieties. Colors can be yellow, pink, white, purple, red, and even striped. Some varieties have flowers barely an inch across and others are a foot long and with a diameter of 8"! Flowering is heaviest in April and early May, and scattered throughout the summer.

RECOMMENDED USE: As an accent, form and seasonal flowers, patio container or hanging pot.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Frost hardy into the lower 20's.



Sun tolerance: Needs full sun in milder climates, and light shade in the hottest climates in summer. Fertilized in spring and summer when kept in containers.



Watering and feeding: Water during the warm season as the soil dries out.



Soil requirements: Best in well-drained soil.



Pruning: None needed.