



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Etcho

Pachycereus pecten-aboriginum

DESCRIPTION: Hecho is a large columnar cactus from the tropical deciduous forests of Sonora and Sinaloa, Mexico. There, grows to heights of 40' or more, with many massive branches. In cultivation it is limited by climate and root room (it usually needs to remain in a container) but still grows at a fast rate. It bears white flowers in habitat, but may not reach mature flowering size in cultivation.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent or specimen in a patio container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Protect from temperatures below 32°F.



Sun tolerance: Can be adapted to full sun or light shade.



Watering and feeding: In a container it is a low to moderate water user, depending on the weather and growth rate desired. Fertilize twice a year (spring and early summer)



Soil requirements: Use a fast-draining potting soil.



Pruning: None required, although it may need to be topped if it outgrows its location.