



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Cane Cholla

Cylindropuntia spinosior

DESCRIPTION: This robust cholla species is typical of the Sonoran Desert's valley bottoms and grassland hills. In the ground, it can reach heights of 10' or more. It can stay much more compact in a pot. Flowers occur in late spring and can be yellow, pinkish, or lavender. New spines are attractively pink or yellow and sheathed.

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

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Frost hardy to at least 10° F.



Sun tolerance: It cannot grow well in the shade. Keep in full sun or very light shade to maintain good growth and flowering.



Watering and feeding: Once established, it can get by with little or no water. In containers, water up to once a week during the hottest months. Fertilizing is not necessary unless kept in a pot.



Soil requirements: In the ground Cane Cholla prefers light, sandy to sandy-loam soil that is well-drained. Use well-drained potting mix for containers.



Pruning: As needed to control size.