



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Órgano-pequeño *Echinocereus leucanthus*

DESCRIPTION: This clambering or trailing cactus is freely branching, with dark green cylindrical stems and dark spines. These stems can grow from 8 inches to 3 feet long but are only as big around as a pencil. The delicate flowers are white, bell-shaped, an inch or two long; blooming during the day. The time of flowering is August through early October. Órgano-pequeño is found naturally along the coast in southern Sonora (below Guaymas) south to northern Sinaloa, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: It can be planted where it can be trained into an open shrub, but is best displayed in a container; especially a hanging pot.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: We have tested this species to quick freezes in the mid-20's with no damage.



Sun tolerance: Full sun may burn it; best with light shade, at least in the afternoon.



Watering and feeding: Water regularly during the warm growing season. Weekly watering in containers and monthly feeding will help.



Soil requirements: Fast draining soil.



Pruning: None usually necessary, but it can be clipped back during warm weather if it gets too long or more branching is desired.



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