



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Rose Cactus

Pereskia grandiflora

DESCRIPTION: Rose Cactus is a scandent deciduous shrub, growing slowly up to 10 feet tall with trunks up to 6 inches in diameter. It is an example of a nonsucculent primitive cactus; its main stem is upright and resembles a woody plant more than a cactus. In the warmer months, Rose Cactus produces large pink flowers with a yellow center that open during the day. Flowers are followed by pear-shaped fruit. Native to Brazil, it is reported north into Mexico, but it might have escaped cultivation.

RECOMMENDED USE: Rose Cactus can be used as an accent for its flowers. Be sure to plant away from paths, as the stems are spiny.

CULTURE:

- Hardiness:** Hardy to 26°F, the leaves are deciduous below 50°F. They grow back in April.
- Sun tolerance:** Morning sun or light all-day shade.
- Watering and feeding:** Enjoy some humidity in the air. They need good drainage, but the soil should stay moist in summer. Keep drier in winter.
- Soil requirements:** Any soil that drains will do.
- Pruning:** As needed