




ECHINOPSIS TERSCHECKII

Argentine Saguaro

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Native to South America

Why we love it...

The Argentine saguaro is a fast-growing substitute to the native saguaro (*Carnegiea gigantea*). Profuse, white flowers gather along the stems on warm summer nights, and are present for most of the following day. Beautiful golden spines appear to glow, especially with the sun setting behind them.

This prickly giant will eventually grow up to twenty-five feet with multiple arms. Argentine saguaro is more tolerant of water than many other cactus species, but it also tolerates drought and poor soils. With good fertilizer and rich soil, however, growth will be even faster. Plant it with other low-water choices like palo verde, fairy duster, and blackfoot daisy.



Lydia says: During dry periods, skin will shrink and shrivel on Argentine Saguaro. Keep the flesh nice and plump to expedite faster growth.

Cactus:

Echinopsis terscheckii

Size (H x W): 15-25 feet x 6-8 feet

Blooms: White in spring and summer

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 18° F, USDA Zone 8

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: N/A

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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