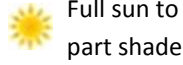
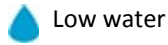


# STENOCEREUS MARGINATUS

## Mexican Fencepost Cactus



### Why we love it...

This fast-growing cactus makes a strong, vertical statement wherever it resides, and is often a focal point of the landscape. Its long, low-branching canes grow straight and upright to 12 feet tall, sometimes even taller in frost-free areas. Each cane has 5-7 ribs that feature a tidy row of small spines along a white "stripe" that give this giant succulent a sleek, architectural appearance. Small reddish or pink flowers appear amongst the rows of spines in springtime.

Often used as a living fence or visual screen, this cactus makes a bold statement against a solid wall, but it also stands out on its own as a space-defining border or a large scale accent. Propagation of Mexican fencepost is extremely easy by cuttings or seeds, and even though it's a top choice for xeric gardens, it tolerates moderate watering if excellent drainage is provided.



**Lydia says:** Like many columnar cacti, Mexican fencepost dislikes colder weather. Styrofoam cups work well to protect the tips from frost damage.

**Cactus:** *Stenocereus marginatus* (syn. *Pachycereus marginatus*)

**Size (H x W):** 6-12 feet x 3-8 inches per cane

**Blooms:** Greenish to white, red, or pink in early spring

**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Hardiness Zone:** 25° F, USDA Zone 9

**Water:** Low to moderate

**Pruning:** n/a

**Growth Rate:** Moderate to fast



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