



ECHINOPSIS CANDICANS

Argentine Giant

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Native to Argentina



Why we love it...

This cactus, native to Argentina, has an unusual growth habit for a cactus. It does not get any taller than about three feet at maturity, and has sprawling limbs that grow just as wide. Large flowers, generally six to eight inches in diameter are white with yellow centers. They appear at night, sometimes lasting into the early morning or even longer on cool, cloudy days. Flowers are followed by a purple fruit, with a red pulp. Blossoms are wonderfully fragrant and attract night pollinators such as bats and moths.



Lydia says: On extra cold nights, protect the tops of the Argentine Giant to preserve its limbs. Simply place frost cloth on top, a Santa hat, or a plastic nursery pot stuffed with newspaper.

Cactus:
Echinopsis candicans

Size (H x W): 2-3 feet x 3-6 feet

Blooms: White in summer

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 15° F, USDA Zone 8

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: N/A

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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