

Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

Cephalocereus– Old Man Cactus
(Sef-uh-low-SEER-us)

FAMILY: Cactaceae

ORIGIN: Mexico

HABIT: Columnar of uneven diameter

SIZE: Generally no taller than 3-4' indoors, but 20' in wild

HARDINESS: Tolerant of full sun and drafts

CULTURE: Well drained lime-rich mix—do not overwater

INTERIOR USE: Single or multiple potted specimen

DESCRIPTION: 2-4" white hair-like bristles form beards of growth

FLOWERS: Very rare indoors

PROPAGATION: Seed and stem cuttings

PESTS/DISEASES: Very few

CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *Cephalocereus senilis*—Old Man cactus

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