

## Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

***Echinocactus***– Golden Barrel Cactus  
(ee-KYE-no-kak-tus)

FAMILY: Cactaceae

ORIGIN: Mexico

HABIT: Solitary to clump forming

SIZE: Up to 24” over many years

HARDINESS: Tolerant of sun and dry air

CULTURE: Well drained mix, warm temperatures and minimal water

INTERIOR USE: specimen

SPINES: White to yellow 1-2” spines arise from wooly-white areoles

FLOWERS: Yellow flowers rarely appear indoors

PROPAGATION: Division and seed

PESTS/DISEASES: Mealybug, scale

CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *Echinocactus grusonii*—golden barrel  
*E. texensis*—Texas barrel

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