

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

See all plants and cultural information from this lecture at www.KarlGercens.com and click on the plant classes button

