

Common cacti reference

Common name	Botanical name	Shape	Spines	Flowers
Saguaro	Carnegiea gigantea	columnar	spiny	white
Organ pipe cactus	Stenocereus thurberi	columnar	spiny	pink
Old man cactus	Cephalocereus senilis	columnar	hairy	pink
Blue torch cactus	Pilosocereus spp.	columnar	woolly	white
Peruvian apple cactus	Cereus repandus	columnar	spiny	white
Fairy castle cactus	Acanthocereus tetragonus 'Fairy Castle'	columnar	spiny	white
Totem pole cactus	Pachycereus schottii f. monstrosus	columnar	spineless	pink
Golden ball / lemon ball	Parodia leninghausii	columnar	spiny	yellow
Golden barrel cactus	Echinocactus grusonii	barrel	spiny	yellow
Fishhook barrel	Ferocactus wislizeni	barrel	hooked	orange
Devil's tongue barrel	Ferocactus latispinus	barrel	hooked	pink
Pincushion cactus	Mammillaria spp.	globular	spiny	pink
Powder puff cactus	Mammillaria bocasana	globular	hairy	white
Moon cactus	Gymnocalycium mihanovichii (grafted)	globular	spiny	pink
Chin cactus	Gymnocalycium spp.	globular	spiny	white
Crown cactus	Rebutia spp.	globular	spiny	red
Hedgehog cactus	Echinocereus spp.	globular	spiny	pink
Bishop's cap	Astrophytum myriostigma	globular	spineless	yellow
Star cactus / sand dollar	Astrophytum asterias	globular	spineless	yellow
Peanut cactus	Echinopsis chamaecereus	clumping	spiny	red
Prickly pear	Opuntia spp.	pads	glochids	yellow
Bunny ears cactus	Opuntia microdasys	pads	glochids	yellow

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Cholla	Cylindropuntia spp.	segmented	spiny	yellow
Teddy bear cholla	Cylindropuntia bigelovii	segmented	spiny	yellow
Christmas cactus	Schlumbergera spp.	leafy	spineless	pink
Easter cactus	Schlumbergera gaertneri (syn. Hatiora)	leafy	spineless	red
Orchid cactus	Epiphyllum spp.	leafy	spineless	white
Dragon fruit	Selenicereus undatus	climbing	spiny	white
Rat tail cactus	Disocactus flagelliformis	trailing	spiny	pink
Mistletoe cactus	Rhipsalis baccifera	trailing	spineless	white

Identifies most plants to genus level.

Notes