



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Coville Barrel or Biznaga

*Ferocactus emoryi*

**DESCRIPTION:** Coville Barrel (aka Emory Barrel) is a spectacular cactus, growing at a slow rate to a height of 5' or more, and a width of nearly 3'. Spination is bold, with broad, tan or grey spines. Whorls of red or yellow flowers cap the plant from July through September. The flower color depends on which population the original seed came from. The flowers are visited by many types of insects, but are particularly favored by bees, the primary pollinator. Coville Barrel can be found on dry, rocky slopes in the south-west 1/4 of Arizona, and down the coast of Sonora, Mexico.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Accent, container, enhanced desert revegetation.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Emory Barrel is hardy to at least the upper teens.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun or very light shade throughout the year.



**Watering and feeding:** In a pot, it should be watered 3-6 times a month during the warm season. Once to twice a year feeding with a complete fertilizer keeps it healthy. No feeding is necessary in the ground,



**Soil requirements:** Any well drained soil will do. In containers, it grows best in a fairly roomy pot, well-drained mix that doesn't contain too much humus.



**Pruning:** None needed.