

Cereus peruvianus (Koubo)

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Cereus repandus, the Peruvian apple cactus, is a large, erect, thorny columnar cactus found in South America. It is also known as giant club cactus, hedge cactus, cadushi, and kayush. *Cereus repandus* is grown mostly as an ornamental plant, but has some local culinary importance.

Species: *C. repandus*

Family: Cactaceae

Kingdom: Plantae

Genus: *Cereus*

Several different species of the columnar cacti of the genera *Stenocereus* and *Pachycereus*, were introduced into different semi-arid ecozones in Israel and most of these efforts were of disappointing outcomes, the only exception being the *Cereus peruvianus* (L.) Miller, which bore plenty of fruits, some of them of good taste. The original seeds of this plant were obtained from the late Mr. Amram (Ron) Kodish, who collected seeds from various private gardens in Southern California which bore fruits of reasonable qualities. The initial success of this species led us

to initiate an intensive research study, and today it is already fruit-crop, marketed mainly in Israel under the name " Koubo" .

