

# Golden barrel cactus

## Echinocactus grusonii

### Kroenleinia grusonii



The barrel cactus is a low-maintenance plant that grows naturally throughout Mexico and the Southwestern United States. Learn how to grow these spiny, cylindrical plants.

Barrel cactus is the common name for a type of cactus best known for its round shape. Barrel cacti grow natively throughout Central Mexico and the Southwestern United States in places like the Chihuahua, Sonora, and Mojave deserts. In dry, warmer climates, the barrel cactus complements desert landscapes, succulent gardens, and rock gardens. In colder climates, you can grow barrel cacti inside as houseplants.

Barrel cactus plants are within the *Cactaceae* family and fall into two genera, *Ferocactus* and *Echinocactus*. Some species of barrel cactus include the California barrel cactus (*Ferocactus cylindraceus*), the Arizona barrel cactus (*Ferocactus wislizeni*), also known as the fishhook barrel cactus, and the golden barrel cactus (*Echinocactus grusonii*), which blooms bright yellow flowers. Barrel cacti thrive in USDA hardiness zones nine through twelve.