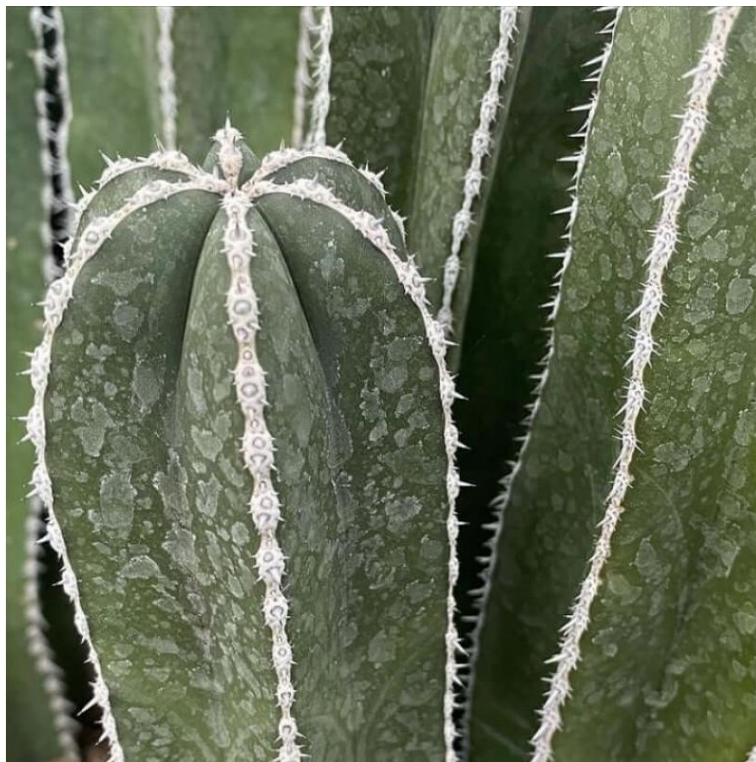


Marginatocereus

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Pachycereus marginatus



Origin and Habitat: Central Mexico (San Luis Potosí, Querétaro, Guanajuato, Mexico D.F Hidalgo, Oaxaca). Cuttings from *Stenocereus marginatus* are widely used as barriers, often becoming living fences, and it is so widely used throughout Mexico that its geographic origin is uncertain.

Common Names include:

ENGLISH: Central Mexico Organ Pipe, Mexican Fence

Post Cactus, Organ Cactus

SPANISH (Español): Jarritos, Organo, Chilayo

Description: Upright and clumping, stiff and imposing, columnar cactus with unbranched stems from the base. In the wild it grows up to 15 m in height, cultivated, it is columnar, up to 4 m tall or more.

Stems: Erected, basally branching to 5-10(-20) cm thick, dark green. The epidermis surface is slightly rough to the feel, like sandpaper.

Ribs: 5 to 7 (or more), 2 cm high.

Areoles: White, glandular, mostly about 1cm apart, confluent forming an uninterrupted longitudinal line.

Spines: 1 yellowish central spine up to 1 cm long. 5-9(14) short radials. The spines are longer in the juvenile specimens, while are very short in the mature branches.

Flowers: Pink to greenish, up to 2 in each areole, 3 to 4 cm inches long.

Blooming season: Spring.

Fruit: Spiny, yellowish to reddish, up to 4 cm in diameter, and rather dry in late spring to early summer. The many seeds are black.



