

Stenocactus



Soil: Sandy and well draining.

Repot: Approx. every 2-3 years or as needed. Repot during the growing season.

Sowing: Seeds should be sown in Spring and Summer.

Fun Fact: It has a long history of its name change from Echinofossulocactus. Various authors and collectors get quite heated on the topic and there are many articles in support of both Stenocactus and Echinofossulocactus as the genus name.

Name History

The name Steno is Greek for narrowing. The narrowing refers to the many ribs on the plants. Most Stenocactus have many thin ribs. Amongst collectors they will often go by the name Echinofossulocactus.

Description

- Approximately 10 species recognized in genus
- Ball shape body 4 to 5 inches in diameter.
- Most have many thin tiny ribs.
- Flowers arise from the apex.
- Propagates easily from seeds
- Easy to grow.
- Found in the Chihuahuan desert in Mexico and Central America

Growing Conditions

Light- They thrive in full sun.

Watering- Water once per week, in the growing season, spring and summer. Let the pot completely dry out between waterings. Do not let the pot sit in water. We stop watering cactus at mid to end of fall around November. This will depend on your zone.

Zones- this plant is rated for USDA zones 9 to 11. They can tolerate down to 20 F. However we have them down to 10 F here at Mesa Garden.

Flowering- Flowers start in early spring and continue to early summer.

