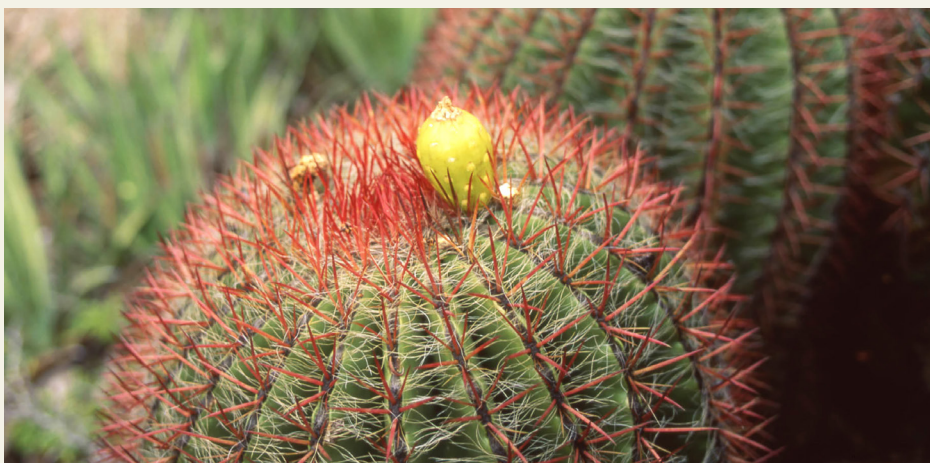




Ferocactus pringlei

MEXICAN FIRE BARREL

These common and popular landscape cacti, native to central Mexico, are durable as they are attractive. They are easy-to-grow and maintain in well-drained soils either in full sun to filtered light with light periodic summer watering. In habitat they are considered quite polymorphic, which means to take on different physical characteristics due to the growing environment and other distinctive population traits of some subspecies growing nearby. Because of this, some specimens show white fuzz around the spiny areoles, but most mature specimens do not. They form stocky, green fleshed, wide cylinders or multi-ribbed columns covered in reddish gray to purple colored spines that are about 1 in. long and mostly recurved or hooked. Plants are topped by a ring of orange to golden flowers in the spring to early summer, which are followed by bulbous golden fruits that look like small pineapples.




DESCRIPTION

 1-3 FT. x 1-2 FT.

 FULL TO PART SUN

 USDA ZONE 9-11

 MEXICO

 ORANGE TO YELLOW

 LOW

 TO 25°F