

Golden barrel cactus

Echinocactus grusonii



About me: I live only in a small area of Mexico's Chihuahuan Desert, but I'm also sold as a garden plant all over the world.

Why I'm rare: I've had trouble finding a safe place to live. A lot of the habitat where I grow best has been destroyed, and I'm often dug up illegally and sold so that people can plant me in their gardens.

My story: When a dam flooded my habitat, botanic gardens rescued me and helped me find a new home. They also learned how to grow me from seeds, so I don't have to be dug up to be sold as a garden plant.

How you can help: Make sure all plants you buy are responsibly grown and not collected from the wild.



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