

**COMMON NAME:**

SOUTHWESTERN BARREL CACTUS

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:**

FEROCACTUS WISLIZENII

**ALSO CALLED:** ARIZONA BARREL CACTUS, CANDY BARREL CACTUS, FISHHOOK BARREL, VISNAGA COMPASS BARREL, AND WISLIZENUS'S BARREL

**FLOWER COLOR:** ORANGE

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT:** COVERING THE TOP OF THE CACTUS

**FLOWERING TIME:** SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER

**THORNS:** LARGE AND OFTEN LOOKS LIKE LARGE FISHHOOKS

**NORMAL SIZE:** 18" TO 48"

**OTHER LOOKALIKES:** YOUNG SAGUARO CACTUS, COVILLE'S BARREL

**NORMAL ELEVATION:** 2000' TO 4000'

**HABITATION:** WELL DRAINED ROCKY AREAS

**ABUNDANCE:** EVERYWHERE BELOW 4000'

**NOTABLE DETAILS:** USUALLY LOOK LIKE THORNY BASKETBALLS ON THE GROUND WHICH CAN GROW TO ABOUT 48"

**SPECIAL INTEREST:** THEY CARRY THE NAME OF COMPASS CACTUS BECAUSE THEY USUALLY LEAN TOWARD THE SOUTH REACHING OUT FOR MORE SUN TO GROW. THE NEEDLES THAT RESEMBLE FISHHOOKS WERE ACTUALLY USED FOR FISHING.