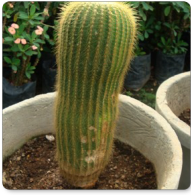


Silver torch - Plant



Cleistocactus strausii (silver torch or wooly torch) is a perennial cactus of the family Cactaceae. It is native to high mountain regions of Bolivia and Argentina, above 3,000 m (9,843 ft).

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Description

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Cactus (Cleistocactus strausii) is known for a single, fuzzy white spine. Thriving in windowsills, greenhouses and even outdoors, the Silver Torch requires plenty of space to spread its roots. When it reaches 18 inches in height, watch for a beautiful show as peach-colored blooms appear during spring and summer months.

Common name Silver Torch, Wooly Torch, Silver Torch Cactus.	Flower colours -	Bloom time summer.	Height Older cactuses, over 45 cm (17.5 in) tall, produce deep red, burgundy, flowers in late summer. The 6 cm (2.5 in) long cylindrical flowers protrude horizontally from the columns	Difficulty Easy to grow.
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Planting and care

Sunlight
Strong sunlight.

Soil
free draining soils.

Water
Rare watering.

Temperature
Does not prefer high
temperatures. It can
withstand hard frosts down
to -10Å°C.

Fertilizer
At the start of the growth
period, apply a dressing of
long term slow fertiliser and
stir it into the surface soil in
the pot. As an alternative,
fertiliser may be
incorporated with the potting

mixture when repotting.

Caring for Silver torch

- Cactus grown indoors tend to gather dust. These spiny cacti can be effectively washed down with a soft shaving brush. When cleaning them, it is a good idea to protect the roots by laying a piece of plastic sheeting over the potting mixture to prevent undue wetting at the base of the plant. Use newspaper as a wrapping to protect the hands from the spines when handling the cactus.

Typical uses of Silver torch

Special features:

Ornamental use: Cleistocactus strausii makes an attractive landscape plant and or container patio plant where some height is needed, being an attractive accent plant. This columnar tall cactus is suitable for large landscape. Indoors make a spectacular ascent plant as mature Cleistocactus strausii and will flower if it is provided with enough light.

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