

Notocactus scopa

COMMON NAME	Silver Ball Cactus
FAMILY	Cactaceae
ORIGIN	Brazil
EVERGREEN	Yes
FLOWER COLOUR	Yellow
BLOOMTIME	Spring
SYNONYMS	<i>Parodia scopa</i> , <i>Cereus scopa</i>
HEIGHT	30 - 45cm
WIDTH	10 - 15cm
EXPOSURE	Full Sun
SEASIDE	-
IRRIGATION	Low Water Needs
WINTER HARDINESS	-6° C



FURTHER READING:

The Silver Ball Cactus is easy to grow and prefers a potting mix with good drainage. It likes a warm bright location, does great in partial shade but doesn't like full, hot blazing sun in the central summer month. Can support quite some water during the growing season, but pot plants in winter are wet-sensitive and need to be kept dry (rots easily if soil is wet and cold), tends to lose its roots in winter. Usually it is recommended to over-winter this plant in a bright and warm greenhouse with at least 8-10° C , but it has proved to tolerate temperatures as low as -5° C for short periods.

Growers notes: This plant is currently under cultivation and should be available in small bowls in the near future.