

Espostoa spp.

COMMON NAME	Old Peruvian Man, Old Man Cactus
FAMILY	Cactaceae
ORIGIN	Ecuador and Peru
EVERGREEN	Yes
FLOWER COLOUR	White
BLOOMTIME	Summer/Autumn at Night
SYNONYMS	-
HEIGHT	5 Metres
WIDTH	1 Metre Clumps
EXPOSURE	Full Sun
SEASIDE	-
IRRIGATION	Low Water Needs - Water in Summer Only
WINTER HARDINESS	-12° C



FURTHER READING:

Espostoa is a genus of columnar cacti, it usually occurs at altitudes of between 800m and 2500m. Its fruit is edible, sweet, and juicy. The genus is named after Nicolas E. Esposito, a renowned botanist from Lima. Espostoa require a sunny location and well-drained soil, they can easily produce 20 cm of growth every year if kept well fed and watered throughout the warmest months, particularly if it has been acclimatised to full sun. This is easy to grow and will establish in well drained garden beds and containers. Espostoa make a great potted specimen. Like most potted cactus, during colder months place them in a cool luminous place and encourage them to enter winter dormancy by withholding water and fertiliser.