

## *Astrophytum ornatum*

COMMON NAME	Star Cactus
FAMILY	Cactaceae
ORIGIN	Mexico
EVERGREEN	Yes
FLOWER COLOUR	Yellow
BLOOMTIME	Spring
SYNONYMS	-
HEIGHT	1.5 - 2 Metres
WIDTH	30cm
EXPOSURE	Sun or Shade
SEASIDE	-
IRRIGATION	Low Water Needs
WINTER HARDINESS	10° C



### FURTHER READING:

This cactus is pretty cold hardy and can survive to -10° C (if kept dry). It needs to be at least 15 cm tall to bloom. The body can have very few white scales or be covered in them. Though it does best with full sun, it can tolerate small amounts of shade throughout the day. They require a lot of patience to reach their full potential. Keep regularly watering and feeding them during the growing season and repot annually to give them space to develop. They need a temperate, dry winter as well, and make sure not to overwater them to avoid rotting their roots.