

Bergerocactus emoryi

Velvet Cactus, Golden-Spined Cereus



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CACTUS

Plants generally are spreading with many stems forming a dense clump to 8' high.

Stems are cylindrical to 2.5" diameter with very many spines - sometimes known as Velvet Cactus.

Flowers are yellow with green midveins - May to June.

Fruit starts off fleshy but dries quite quickly.

Native habitat: Dry hillsides along the coast, below 300' in San Diego County and Baja California.

Full sun.

Sandy soil. Does not need water.

Threatened by development, collecting and feral goats.



RARE — CNPS List: 2.2

(Rare, threatened or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere. Fairly endangered in California.)