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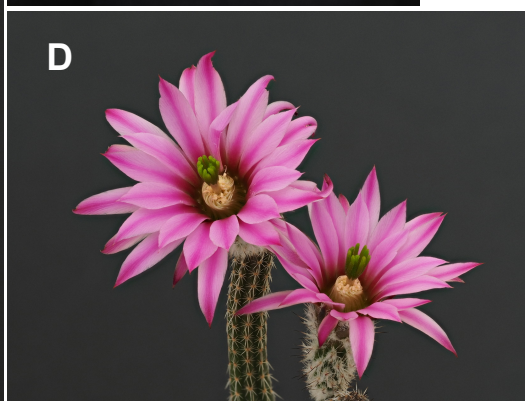
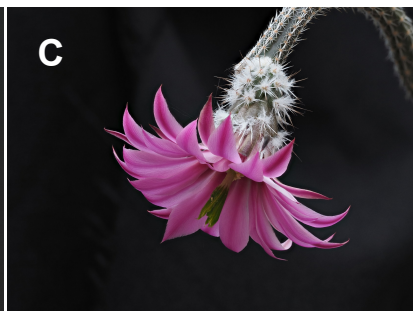
Echinocereus poselgeri

Echinocereus poselgeri is a cactus that has undergone some name changes. Originally named *Wilcoxia poselgeri* by Britton & Rose, it later became *Cereus poselgeri*.

Regardless of the official name, the flowers of this cactus are truly spectacular.

This cactus grows in dry scrublands and because it is a thin-stemmed shrubby cactus, the plants clamber up vegetation for support. This makes it hard to see in the field unless it is flowering. This cactus is found in the west and southwest USA (Texas) and the states of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas in Mexico.

E. poselgeri does well in full or partial sun and it requires a cool period in order to flower. The plants grow well from cuttings and they can flower at an early age.



As is the case with most succulents, well-drained soil is required if the plant is to

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B, C and D Photos taken in the greenhouse by Michael Douglas. This plant is a nine month-old cutting.