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Cereus repandus

[Synonyms : *Cactus peruvianus*, *Cereus hildmannianus*, *Cereus peruvianus*, *Cereus uruguayanus*, *Piptanthocereus peruvianus*, *Stenocereus peruvianus*]

COLUMN CACTUS is a tree-like cactus. Native from south-eastern Brazil to northern Argentina it has a trunk of sausage-like sections with many dark brownish-black spines and large red-tipped, white inside, brownish-green flowers.

It is also known as Apple cactus, Cactus, Candle cactus, *Galán de noche* (Canary Island), Giant cactus, Night-blooming cereus, *Pelarkaktus* (Swedish), *Perunpylväskaktus* (Finnish), Peruvian apple, Peruvian apple cactus, Peruvian torch, Pitaya, Spiny tree, Spirit tree cactus, and Torch thistle.

The flowers only bloom at night.

Repandus means ‘with slightly wavy edges’.

This cactus is cultivated widely in tropical America (and elsewhere such as the Canary Islands) as an ornamental plant and in some areas it has become invasive.