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*Echinocactus*

*Cactaceae*

*Echinocactus* is derived from Greek *echino-* (hedgehog, sea urchin) and *-cactus* components (spiny plant – although there is the possibility that those who originally determined this name may have meant its use to be a reference to the *Cactus* genus which no longer exists) with reference to the spiny plants.