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*Mammillaria hahniana*

**PINCUSHION CACTUS** is a woolly spiny cactus. Native to central Mexico it has small shiny, crimson flowers with yellow stamens.

It is also known as Old lady, Old lady cactus, Old lady mammillaria, and Old woman cactus. The cactus only flowers in full sunshine.

*Hahniana* commemorates a Mr. Hahn who collected plants in Mexico for the Jardin des Plantes in Paris.

This is one of the popular pot plants in temperate climates. In fact in Britain enthusiasm for this and close relatives has been such that a Mammillaria Society was formed there.