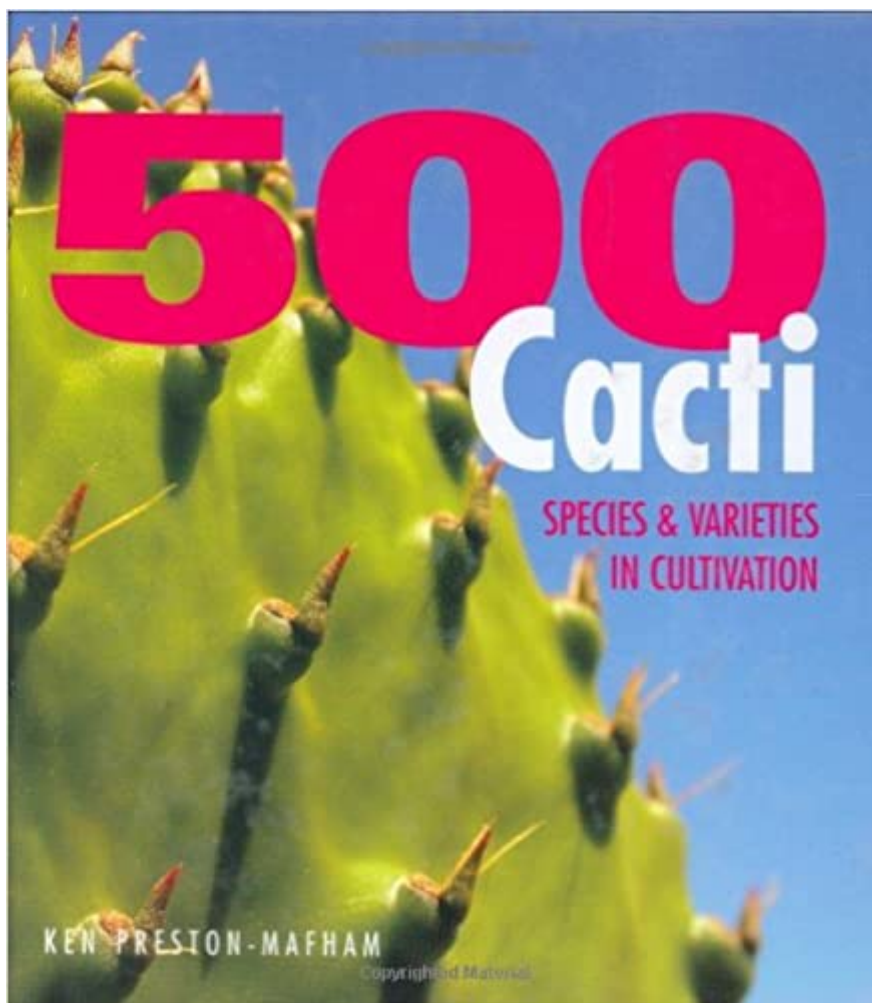


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# 500 Cacti: Species And Varieties In Cultivation



## Synopsis

A visual reference to 500 cacti. The cactus family includes more than 2,500 species of cacti, succulents, caudiciforms and euphorbs. Native to the Americas, they are at least 50 million years old and highly advanced in their evolution. Not all are desert plants. Some are found in the rainforest, where they enjoy the heavy rainfall and grow much more vigorously than their desert cousins. Many cacti are very popular with rock gardeners and houseplant enthusiasts. This new book features 500 species representing all cactus groups. The cacti are arranged alphabetically by scientific genus, with an entire page devoted to each species. At-a-glance information includes size, distribution, spination, flower and flowering time, plus varieties and synonyms used. Detailed descriptions reveal the amazing adaptations cacti have made, such as: Stems with waterproof skin to store water Far-reaching, shallow root systems Leaves that are shed during a drought Spines toward off predators. The author provides professional advice on growing these plants at home. Among the 500 color photographs that appear in the book are stunning shots of cacti in bloom. 500 Cacti is a useful reference for all who admire these long-living and distinctive plants.

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Absolutely stunning.... user-friendly. This handsome book is ideal for both the novice cacti lover as well as the seasoned pro. (Tucson Citizen 2007-06-14)Documents a large selection of cacti, succulents, cadiforms and euphorbs... This book is a handy reference to bring when shopping for your landscape. (Phoenix Home and Garden)Colour photos are so attractive that even the fervent

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Ken Preston-Mafham is a naturalist, author and photographer. He lives in England, where he has grown cacti for more than 30 years. His previous books include Cacti and Succulents in Habitat and Cacti: The Illustrated Dictionary.

I have recently renewed a hobby of cacti collecting and am happy to have this excellent resource that is available economically and with free shipping with Prime. I am astonished on the travels of Ken Preston-Mafham, I wish bibliographic information on this broadly trained botanist/entomologist/ecologist was available to learn more about him. I pick up this book almost every day since I purchased it a month or so ago. The photos are excellent and cover almost every genus with wonderful pictures of the species in flower. The author must have an excellent collection as he has made field collections of seed and personally grew them to flowering. Although many US species are lightly covered this is a great resource to use for someone attempting to understand cactus taxonomy. This is a wonderful book that I highly recommend for a household botanical library. Thank you Ken Preston-Markham for your stimulating work.

Received this book yesterday and I was very very pleased ..I love Cacti and want to landscape my property in it so I was looking for a book that will show me many many varieties and this one is just perfect , not to mention if u just love picture books this one is great ..Lots and lots of flowering cacti varieties too .Tons of beautiful photographs and very informative ..Book is pretty small but that isn't an issue for me ...Definitely recommend if u are a lover of cacti .

This book is a must have addition to any serious cacti collector or just someone wanting to know what they've picked u at the local big box store. Very clear pictures and consistent descriptions of the various plants. Each species is well covered and documented. A few of the pictures of cacti in the wild are not very helpful to someone who has a cultivated plant in front of them, but those incidences are not very numerous. No book can be totally accurate or complete, but combine this book with one or two others along with a few websites and positive ID's are not difficult. Highly recommended. The book arrived on time, in good shape and as described.

I like all my cactus books that I ordered. I just can't learn enough about the fascinating cactus plant. I like the thorny type of Cactus and there so different , needing diffren't care for many of them. Did you know that some cactus plants can sunburn? Knowing how to feed them and when and what months to stop watering and feeding them also is a big help. You can learn a lot with this book and other cactus books too. It is great for a beginner.Louise F

Lots of good pictures but minimal text. This book is not what I was looking for as a reference.

I love this book and it's indispensable for identifying cacti. The descriptions are not in depth, but you wouldn't expect them to be considering there are 500 cacti represented here. Plus, the book has a small "footprint" so you can carry it with you very easily. Highly recommended!

purchased for my 12 year old grandson who is crazy about his cacti.

great value and condition, really good cactus reference

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