



## Old woman cactus



**Plant Botanical Name:**

*Mammillaria hahniana*

**USBG Plant Location:**

Conservatory

**Conservatory Room Location:**

World Deserts

**Plant Threat Level:**

Vulnerable

*Mammillaria hahniana* is commonly known as the old woman cactus because of the grayish hairs that protect it from the harsh sun common to its native habitat in the Mexican state of Guanajuato. Mexico is an important center of diversity for the Cactus family, containing more than 500 species and possessing the highest number of endemic and endangered cacti of any country in the world. Though wild populations of *Mammillaria hahniana* are still considered vulnerable, widespread propagation of this species by commercial nurseries catering to cactus hobbyists has greatly reduced the demand for plants illegally collected from naturally occurring populations.

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