

*August 2023*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
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**PRESENTATION:** *Lichenization - A symbiotic view of life as it relates to human and nonhuman cultures*  
Presented by: *Nonhuman Teachers*

Born out of the LA-based botanically-minded collective Cactus Store Studio, Nonhuman Teachers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to promote new forms of ecological storytelling at a time when the relationship between humans and nature is under enormous pressure

The best way to repair our relationship with nature is with new kinds of stories and new ways of telling them: that there are better ways to portray our world than as a sickly precarious thing and better ways portray ourselves than as a primarily destructive force.

A multidisciplinary approach that blends science, art, and the imagination to ignite a sense of wonder about this time that we're living in. By making nature a source of meaning in our lives, we get one step closer to becoming a more ecologically minded creature.

[www.nonhumanteachers.org](http://www.nonhumanteachers.org)

[www.cactus.store](http://www.cactus.store)

## Succulent of the Month - **Adromischus**

**Adromischus** is a genus within the **Crassulaceae** family. Native to the southern regions of Africa, particularly South Africa, **Adromischus** species thrive in arid and semi-arid climates. These plants are adapted to survive in harsh conditions by storing water in their fleshy leaves. **Adromischus** species are known for their diverse leaf shapes, sizes, and colors, ranging from various shades of green to reddish-brown and grey. They often form rosette-like growth patterns. These succulents are popular among collectors and succulent enthusiasts due to their unique textures and appearances. The conservation status of individual species can vary, and not all species within the genus are necessarily endangered. It's important to assess the conservation status of specific species to determine their level of threat.



**Adromischus maculatus** - Cape Winelands, SA  
Photo: iNaturalist user “\_3foxes”



**Adromischus marianiae** var. **immaculatus**  
Nama Khoi Municipality, South Africa  
Photo: iNaturalist user “sgbrck”



**Adromischus marianiae** var. **kubusensis**  
Hammelhoek-á South Africa  
Photo: Tony Rebelo



**Adromischus cristatus** - Gqeberha, South Africa  
Photo: Vathiswa ZIKISHE

# Cactus of the Month - Columnar Cereus

The cactus genus *Cereus* encompasses a diverse group of columnar cacti native to various regions across the Americas, including North, Central, and South America. These cacti are known for their tall, upright, and cylindrical stems with ribbed patterns and spines along the ridges. *Cereus* cacti thrive in arid and semi-arid environments, often found in desert landscapes and rocky areas. They are well-adapted to store water in their thick stems, allowing them to withstand periods of drought. Many *Cereus* species produce large, showy flowers that often open at night, attracting pollinators.

The conservation status of *Cereus* species varies widely depending on the specific species and their native regions. Some species may face threats due to habitat loss, over-collection, and other environmental pressures. However, the conservation status of individual species within the genus can range from least concern to critically endangered. As with any group of plants, it's important to evaluate the status of each species on a case-by-case basis to determine their level of threat and conservation needs.



*Cereus aethiops* - Tucumán, Argentina  
Photo: Josh Vandermeulen



*Cereus spagazzinii* Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
Photo: Martin Lowry

*Cereus forbesii*  
cv. *Spiralis*  
Photo:  
Flavio Agrosi



*Cereus repandus* - Noord, Aruba  
Photo: iNaturalist user "rubby\_outdoors"

## LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTHS RULES

At the April, 2003 meeting, the following rules were adopted for the Plant-of-the-Month (POM) competition:

- A maximum of three plants may be entered in each category (cactus and succulent).
- There will be three classes for entrants: advanced (blue tag), intermediate (pink tag) and beginner (yellow tag).
- Advanced and intermediate entrants must have had the plant in their possession for at least six months, beginners for three months.
- Entrants will receive 8 points for first place, 6 points for second place, 4 points for third place, 2 points for show/honorable mention (HM) and 1 point for showing a plant that does not place.
- At the discretion of the judges there may be up to three third places in a category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no third place will be awarded.
- For an entrant to receive points, the entry tags must be collected by the person in charge of record keeping for POM.
- At the annual Christmas party, award plants will be presented to the ten highest cumulative point holders regardless of class.

## Long Beach Cactus Club 2023 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
August	Columnar Cereus	Adromischus
September	Lobivia/Echinopsis	Pelargonium/Sarcocaulon
October	AUCTION	
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

## 2023 POM MINI-SHOW STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	107	Henry Angulo	82	Derrick Cantu	68
Russel Ray	18	Richard Salcedo	61	Kelly Eddy	48
Kathy McNair	11	Amy Angulo	50	Chris Bucka	19
Maria Capaldo	13	Charlie Traier	11	East Los Succulents	16
Ken Shaw	6	Andrew Lander	10	Ashley Cantu	13
		Lemono Lott	10	Gretchen	12
		Alden Norris	9	Dan Papilli	11
		Daniel Almanza	1	Nathan Adams	9
				Dam (pronounced "Dom")	8
				Angela Clubb	6
				Shane M.	6
				Nathan Adams	4
				Nelson Hernandez	4
				Jon Mun	4
				Shirley Kost	3
				Julianne Skinner	3
				Victoria Bruno	2
				Alan Ronn	2
				Brian Simmons	2
				M.A. Bjarkman	1
				David Cantu	1
				German R.	1
				Christine	1



# The Long Beach Cactus Club

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## Meeting Highlights:

- Monthly programs led by plant experts from around the world
- Mini shows each month with different categories of cacti & succulents
- Vendors selling plants, pots, tools, and more
- Monthly raffles
- Advice from members for plant identification and care

## Meeting Information:

1st Sunday of each month

1:00 pm

Woman's Club of Bellflower 9402 Oak St, Bellflower, CA

## **Member Sign Up**

\$20.00 per year, per membership

\$10.00 for engraved name badge (optional)

Cash or  Check - Made out to the Long Beach Cactus Club

Membership year: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (for mailing purposes): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 SPEAKERS AND MEETING DATES

August 13<sup>th</sup> - Nonhuman Teachers  
September 3rd - Ernesto Sandoval  
October 1st - Sale/Auction  
November 5th - Rob McGregor  
December 3rd - Holiday Party

## SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
August	P, Q, R
September	S, T, U, V
October	Auction
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023

PRESIDENT	Nelson Hernandez	SECRETARY	Kelly Eddy
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PHOTOGRAPHER	Alon Ronn	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo
PLANT SALE	Kelly Eddy	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
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## NEWSLETTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming events, photos, corrections, or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, **please send them in**. **Comments and suggestions are always welcome**. **Remember, this is your newsletter**. Physical address: Andrew Lander, 3041 Roxanne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808. Cyber address: [landruc@gmail.com](mailto:landruc@gmail.com)