

Welcome to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument's Ranger minutes, I'm ranger Kristi and today we are going to be talking about the Night Blooming Cereus. That's this plant right here the is also known as the Reina De La Nocha that's Queen of the Night for those of you who don't speak Spanish. Now you may be wondering what this ugly little plant is doing being called Queen of the Night, but you have to come see it during early summer, late May to early June to see what the bloom is all about. This Plain plant bloom for only one night out of the year, and it spasms open a glorious white flower that has very vanilla like fragrance the flowers open at night carrying their smell a hundred feet or more attracting moths and other night feeding insects only one night and then they fade away for the rest of the year. The Sonoran Desert provides a perfect habitat for these plants that like to hide beneath creosote and other bushes. To find one of these cactuses in bloom you may have to follow your nose out into the desert or you can right here, to the visitor center here at Organ Pipe and see the ones that we have in our garden. Rena De La Noche is one of the mysterious and wondrous plants found here at the desert. We invite you to come down to the visitor center and check these out or you can try and find one on your own. This has been Ranger Kristi and a Ranger Minute and thank you for tuning in.