



Sulcorebutia canigueralii

(photo : Zabeau)

Connoisseurs' Cacti

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14. *Sulcorebutia canigueralii*

Several of the *Sulcorebutias* have brilliant bi-coloured flowers but this must be one of the most stunning. Moreover, it isn't finicky - no special requirements - grows quite fast and flowers profusely. An asset in any collection! It was named after Father Juan Caniguer who found it in Bolivia in 1961 and described (originally under *Rebutia*) by Cardenas in the *Cactus & Succulent journal of America*, vol. 36: 26-7 (1964). Its locality is in the heart of *Sulcorebutia* territory, in dept. Chuquisaca, prov. Oropesa, alt. 2800 m. - no further details given.

As Bill Putnam has said, writing in the 'National' journal (vol. 32(3):59. 1977), *S. canigueralii* is a very small plant which branches readily. The stems are an attractive

dull slaty green and the 15 or so comb-like spines set in a long, sunken areole are a typical 'Sulco' feature. The photograph shows my plant when it was in a 2 ¾ -inch (7 cm) square pot, so it is shown somewhat larger than life-size. I have now moved it on to a 3 ½ -inch (9 cm) round pot and the largest head is 1 ½ inches (4 cm) in diameter. Ultimately it should make quite a large cluster - if I don't give in to too many requests for offsets!

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