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« Ouch, Ouch, ouch »

“The whole world is a cactus, I pride myself on knowing that. Ouch, ouch, ouch, ouch...”

Cacti are plants that show an astonishing morphological adaptation to extreme living conditions: most live in arid regions, where rainfall is infrequent but with dew, where periods of drought are long and where there is a intense solar radiation.

The leaves are absent, in the form of scales, or small and fall quickly. The flowers are relatively primitive with many indistinct floral parts between sepals and petals arranged in a spiral. Cactaceae include about 2000 species divided into 70 to 87 genera, divided into 3 subfamilies (www.aujardin.info).

This photographic series aims to transcend the richness of the shapes and colors of the Cactaceae. By the change of spatial scale induced by the systematic use of macro photography, I seek to create, from the great (bio)diversity of this family of plants, an infinity of strange worlds: colors and their improbable associations; contrasts between the softness and the curves of the flowers, and the violence and the rigidity of the prickles; perfect geometric shapes, amazing combinations on the same plant...

Video «Ouch ouch ouch», Festival “Fantaisies au Jardin”, Les Nuits de Lauzerte, August 2006.