

- **Peyote**

- Peyote is a type of cactus distinguishable by its protrusions or “buttons”. These buttons can be used for psychoactive hallucinogenic purposes. Mescaline is a psychedelic compound found in the cacti. It can also be created in a laboratory setting and put into a capsule form. (cesar)
- **Street Names:** Examples of slang terms for peyote are bad seed, britton, hikori, hikuli, half moon, hyatari, P, nubs, seni, and tops. Slang terms for mescaline are cactus, cactus buttons, cactus joint, mesc, mescal, mese, mexc, moon, and topi. A peyote user is called a cactus head and a use of mescaline is called a love trip. (cesar)
- **Uses:** In order to use the peyote the buttons of the peyote are cut and dried to be chewed or soaked in water and consumed as a liquid. It can also be smoked in a powder form with a leaf like material such as tobacco or cannabis. Mescaline is ingested through the form of a tablet, capsule, powder or liquid. It can be ingested as a liquid, but that is rarely done. Effects begin to be felt within one to two hours and dissipate within ten to twelve hours. (cesar)
- **Physical Effects:** Physical effects include numbness, tension, anxiety, rapid reflexes, muscle twitches and weaknesses. It is also associated with increased blood pressure and heart rate, intense nausea and vomiting, appetite suppression, elevated body temperature and sweating, and chills and sweating. (cesar)
- **Psychological Effects:** Psychological effects vary immensely based on the size, setting, expectations, personality, and drug history. It produces perceptual, cognitive, and emotional experiences. Other psychological effects include vivid mental images and distorted vision, synesthesia or the psychological state of seeing music and hearing colors, altered space and time perception, joy, exhilaration, panic, extreme anxiety, or terror, a feeling of weightlessness or heaviness of the body, heightened sensory experience, difficulty focusing, maintaining attention, concentrating and thinking, loss of reality, preoccupation with trivial thoughts, experiences, or objects, and frightening hallucinations, disorientation, confusion, paranoia, agitation, depression, panic, or terror. (cesar)
- **Long-Term Effects:** The only long-term effect peyote is known to cause is a prolonged state similar to that of paranoid schizophrenia. (cesar)

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