



Plant Information

Common Name: Cactus Prickly Pear

Scientific Name: Opuntia

Plant Type: Succulents and Cacti

Physical Characteristics

Height/Spread: 1-2 meters tall and wide

Growth Rate: Slow

Flower Color(s): Yellow, orange, red

Foliage Color(s): Green

Bloom Time: Summer

Plant Description

Cactus Prickly Pear (Opuntia) is a low-maintenance succulent plant known for its distinctive prickly pear pads and colorful flowers. Native to arid regions, this plant thrives in full sun and well-draining soil with minimal water requirements. Prone to scale insects and fungal diseases, it is essential to provide proper care to prevent infestations. With its drought-tolerant nature and ability to attract pollinators, Cactus Prickly Pear is a popular choice for xeriscaping and dry landscapes. This plant pairs well with other succulents like Agave and Yucca, creating a unique and striking desert-inspired garden.

Optimal Growing Requirements



Sun: Full Sun



Soil: Sandy, well-draining soil



Water: Low Watering



Hardiness Zone(s): Zone 3-5

Maintenance & Care

Maintenance Level: Low

Potential Pests & Diseases: Prone to scale insects and fungal diseases

Additional Information

Special Features: Drought-tolerant, attracts pollinators

Common Uses: Drought-tolerant landscaping, xeriscaping

Notes



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