



OPUNTIA ENGELMANNII ENGELMANN'S PRICKLY PEAR

The sage green pads of this prickly pear blend well in desert landscapes, and provide a great backdrop for the rosy-red fruit that adorn the pads in the summer months. Large yellow-orange flowers in the spring add another season of color. Clusters of brown glochids and occasional long spines are scattered along the pads, so it should be kept away from high traffic areas. It grows at a moderate rate to form a large clump. This native of the southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico is extremely drought tolerant, thriving on as little as five inches of annual rainfall. It grows well in full sun to part shade, provided that drainage is adequate. Engelmann's prickly pear is very useful as a screen and a habitat for birds and other wildlife. It can actually be slightly invasive, as birds eat the seed and distribute them as they go on their merry

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	6 feet x 10-15
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow-Orange
FLOWER SEASON	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full Sun to Part Shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow to Moderate
HARDINESS	10° F, USDA Zone 7
PRUNING	None Required



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