



OPUNTIA SANTA RITA TUBAC™ PURPLE PRICKLY PEAR

Although this colorful cactus doesn't show its yellow blossoms until late spring, the rich purple pads provide plenty of winter interest. During the warmer months the pads are a soft blue-grey color. Mix the purple prickly pear in with shrubs and perennials for a softer effect. It is quite spiny, so set it well back from high traffic areas. This plant will grow to 4 feet tall by 6 feet wide. Purple Prickly Pear is susceptible to cochineal scale, which appears as a white cottony tuft. Spaying the scale off with water can control it. If the problem persists chemicals can be used. Tubac™ needs full sun, good drainage, and is hardy to 15° F. USDA Zone 8.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	4 feet x 6 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	April - June
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected heat
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate to slow
HARDINESS	15° F, USDA Zone 8
PRUNING	None



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