



OPUNTIA MACROCENTRA

Black-Spine Prickly Pear

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Deer resistant

 Rabbit resistant

 Native to SW U.S. & Northern Mexico

Why we love it...

The prickly pear family was once a staple of the Native American diet and lifestyle. It was used as a food source, for medicine, for building, and much more. Black-spine prickly pear is no exception to the usefulness of the rest of the family, but also makes an eye-catching accent in a cactus garden or landscape.

It is a low-growing cactus, not exceeding more than three or four feet in height, and spreading in clumps up to four feet. Yellow blossoms with red centers cover this prickly beauty in the springtime. Fruit follows flowering, which many birds and wildlife are fond of. Plant Black-Spine prickly pear with other colorful desert perennials like penstemon, angelita daisy, or globe mallow for color that will make a statement.



Lydia says: The Black-Spine Prickly Pear has blue-green pads that turn a pretty purple-colored tinge in dry periods or cool weather.

Cactus:

Opuntia macrocentra

Size (H x W): 3-4 feet x 3-4 feet

Blooms: Red/yellow in spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 10° F, USDA Zone 8

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: In spring, prune to control size if necessary

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate



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