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Grizzly Bear Prickly Pear *Opuntia erinacea*

DESCRIPTION: Grizzly Bear Prickly Pear forms small, low clumps with erect branches, growing to as much as 2' tall and as wide. The pads are thickly covered with long, gray, downward-pointing spines. In habitat it blooms in mid-summer, but may flower sooner at lower elevations. Flower color is usually yellow, but may be rose. It is native to gravelly rocky soils in creosote bush scrub, pinyon-juniper and Joshua Tree woodland, chaparral and ponderosa pine forest at elevations of 2,500' – 8,500'

RECOMMENDED USE: Good as a small specimen or accent. Fits into an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape. Can be grown in a patio container if using cactus soil mix.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Down to at least 0°F.



Sun tolerance: Best in full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use; can be left to rainfall after establishment.
Fertilizing is not necessary in the ground.



Soil requirements: Prefers well-drained soil.



Pruning: None necessary