



Opuntia basilaris Beavertail Prickly Pear

The beavertail cactus is native to the Mojave and Sonoran deserts from sea level up to 6,000 feet. The blue-gray 6" long pads are shaped much like a beaver's tail and dotted with dense clusters of brown glochids (tiny spines) in an attractive dot-like pattern. New pads are jointed one on top of another creating a distinctive succulent clump. Large hot pink flowers are produced in clusters on top of the pads between March and June. Dry, green pear-like fruits follow the flowers. Although this species is spineless, the glochids are easily detached and can create quite a nuisance if one brushes against them. Most clumps will be about 2 feet tall by 3 feet across.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	2 feet x 3 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Hot pink
FLOWER SEASON	Spring into summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Low
HARDINESS	0° F, USDA Zone 7
PRUNING	None Required



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