



Opuntia cacanapa 'Ellisiana' Tiger Tongue, Perennial Spineless Prickly Pear

When someone asks for a cold-hardy spineless prickly pear, this is the one to use! Originating in south Texas and Mexico, it is free of those annoying glochids and spines, and can handle temperatures down to zero. It is also extremely heat tolerant, and its low spreading nature makes it an ideal choice for roadway plantings and even green roofs. During the summer months it sports large bright yellow blossoms that provide nectar for hummingbirds. These are followed by attractive and edible bright red fruits called “tunas”. It is said to be deer resistant. It grows well in full sun or filtered shade, and prefers well-drained soils.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	3-4 ft x 6 ft
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun to part shade
WATER	Low to moderate
GROWTH RATE	Slow
HARDINESS	0°F, USDA Zone 7
PRUNING	None required



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