



Opuntia ficus-indica Indian Fig Prickly Pear

This large padded cactus slowly becomes tree-like, with succulent green pads on stout woody trunks. Older specimens may become quite large, often attaining heights of 15 feet and as wide as 10 feet. The flat, bright green pads sometimes bear clusters of glochids but few if any spines. Large yellow to orange flowers are produced in late spring followed by large yellow-red edible, fleshy fruits known as “tunas”. Young pads may be cooked and consumed too. Indian Fig may be grown in full sun to part shade and well-drained soils.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	15 feet x 10 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow to orange
FLOWER SEASON	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full sun to part shade
WATER	Low to moderate
GROWTH RATE	Slow
HARDINESS	20° F, USDA Zone 9
PRUNING	None required



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