



DROOPING PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS *Opuntia monacantha*

The Drooping Prickly Pear, scientifically known as *Opuntia monacantha*, is a unique and striking cactus species known for its compact and abundant growth. This cactus is native to South America but is also cultivated in various regions around the world. It's prized for its unique appearance and low-maintenance care requirements.

GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN:

The Americas

GREAT FOR: Bright Sunlight

FEATURES:

Low Maintenance

GROWTH RATE: Slow



LIGHT

As with most cacti, Opuntias grow best in full sun or partial shade.



WATER

Opuntias are very drought-tolerant and require the soil to completely dry out between waterings.



DIFFICULTY

Easy! Just place in bright sunlight and don't overwater.



FERTILIZER

Feed with a mild cactus fertilizer about once a month during the growing season. Do not fertilize in winter.



TEMPERATURE

Warm temperatures are best during the growing season but will tolerate brief periods of cold. Keep above 45°F in the winter.



SOIL

Use a well-draining cactus/palm potting mix.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

Prune damaged or deformed growth in the spring, spraying open wounds with fungicide. To propagate, carefully separate pads from parent plant and allow to dry for at least 24 hours or until callous forms on the end. The, repot.



PET FRIENDLY?

Sorry! While Opuntias are non-toxic if consumed, some have spines or barbed bristles that can still cause harm to pets.

