

# LOW PRICKLY PEAR

## OPUNTIA HUMIFUSA



ADD THIS ONE TO YOUR COLLECTION OF PERENNIAL EDIBLES! THIS POLLINATOR PLEASING CACTUS FOLLOWS ITS STUNNING 3-4" WIDE YELLOW BLOSSOMS WITH EDIBLE PURPLE-RED FRUITS THE FLAVOR OF WHICH REMINDS US OF THE FRUIT PUNCH OF CHILDHOOD BIRTHDAY PARTIES. THE PADS AND FLOWER PETALS ARE EDIBLE, TOO! THE PLANT'S LOW, CREEPING FORM MAKES IT A FAIRLY SIMPLE THING TO FIND A SPOT FOR, JUST KEEP IT ON THE DRY SIDE. EXTREMELY COLD HARDY, THE OVAL, SUBTLY PRICKLY, GLOCHID BEARING PADS RESIST COLD TEMPERATURES BY DEHYDRATING, SOMETHING THAT CAN MAKE THEM APPEAR A BIT WORSE FOR WEAR, BUT THEY PLUMP RIGHT UP AGAIN WITH THE ARRIVAL OF Milder WEATHER NATIVE TO EASTERN NORTH AMERICA FROM TEXAS TO CANADA, LOW PRICKLY PEAR, ALSO KNOWN AS EASTERN PRICKLY PEAR OR DEVIL'S TONGUE, IS EXTREMELY ADAPTABLE AND EASY TO GROW. DEER RESISTANT AND (NEED WE SAY IT?) DROUGHT-TOLERANT.

ZONES 3-9

SUN TO PART SHADE