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1a

Echinocereus coccineus

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Claret Cup Hedgehog

A local native this Hedgehog grows 6 to 12 inches tall in clumps. Red flowers with white centers blooming mid-spring.

Zone 4



1a1

Echinocereus coccineus v. *tinaja*

-

Needle Spines Claret Cup

A very long spines Hedgehog from Colfax Co., NM. Grows 8 to 10 inches tall by up to 2 feet wide. Scarlet flowers in late spring.

Zone 4



1b

Echinocereus engelmannii *variegatus*

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Variegated Hedgehog

Grows up to 12 inches tall with dark pink flowers blooming in spring. Red or orangish fruit.

Very long spines. Zone 5



1b1

Echinocereus engelmannii

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Engelmann's Hedgehog

A clumping cactus with stems 4 inches tall by 20 inches. Magenta-red flowers in the spring. Found in the Mohave and Great Basin areas.

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1c
Echinocereus triglochidiatus

-
Claret Cup

A local native. Forms large clumps up to 12 inches high and 2 or more feet wide. Red flowers in late spring. Zone 4



1c1

Echinocereus triglochidiatus v. gonacanthus

-
White Sands Claret Cup

Large Claret Cups that can get 1 to 3 feet tall. Scarlet red flowers mid spring to early summer. Zone 4



1c2

Echinocereus triglochidatus v. inermis

-
Spinless Claret Cup

Forms large clumps with red flowers in the spring. No spines but white glochids. Zone 4



1d

Echinocereus fendleri

-
Fendler's Hedgehog

A slowly clumping barrel 3 to 10 inches tall with large magenta flowers blooming in late spring. A local native. Magenta fruit are large too. Zone 3

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1e

Echinocereus viridiflorus

Green Pitaya also Nylon Hedgehog

A small cactus growing 2 to 3 inches singular or in small clumps with 1 inch chartreuse flowers in late spring to early summer. A local native. A repeat bloomer in the right conditions.

Zone 3



1f

Echinocereus reichenbachii

Straw Hedgehog or Lace Cactus

Grows to 7 inches tall with pink to pale purple flowers from mid spring to early summer. Fruits are wooly and green.

Zone 4



1f1

Echinocereus reichenbachii

Purple Candle

Plants grow 6 inches tall, stems 1 1/2 inches wide. Short spines. 3 inch rose-purple flowers in the spring. (Variety unknown, may be a hybrid?)

Zone 4



1f2

Echinocereus reichenbachii v. caespitosus

A very small hedgehog from Eastland Co. TX. 3 inches tall by 5 inches wide. Pink flowers in the late spring.

Zone 5

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1g

Echinocereus rigidissimus

This hedgehog is from the Peloncillo Mts. of New Mexico. Summer blooming magenta flowers with white center. 6 to 8 inches tall, 4 to 5 inches wide.
Zone 6



1h

Echinocereus Lloydii

Lloyd's Hedgehog

Close relative to Claret Cup but has orange-red flowers.
Zone 4



1i

Echinocereus dasycanthus

Golden Rainbow Hedgehog

From southern New Mexico. Large golden yellow flowers in summer.
Zone 5



1i2

Echinocereus dasycanthus hybrid

Stems can be single or multiply slowly. It looks nothing like the "Golden Rainbow" we have. It has not flowered yet.
Zone 5

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1j

Echinocereus perbellus

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This one comes from Burnt Mill Co.



2

Opuntia polyacantha

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Plains Prickly Pear

Grows in low (16 inch) mats that may spread 5 to 6 feet wide. Yellow flowers in early summer.

A local native.

Zone 4



2a

Opuntia polyacantha 'Crystal Tide'

-

Crystal Tide Prickly Pear

Grows 6 inches tall by 2 feet wide. Striking ivory flowers with red stamens in mid spring.

Zone 4



2a2

Opuntia polyacantha v. *colorado*

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Colorado Plains Prickly Pear

Light pink flowers in late spring.

Zone 4

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2a3

Opuntia polyacantha

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Peter Pan Prickly Pear

Non flowering perpetual juvenile form. It never flowers but is covered with snow white spines on 1 to 3 inch pads. Grows in clumps up to 2 feet wide.

Zone 3



2a4

Opuntia polyacantha v. taylors red

-

Red Flowered Prickly Pear

Deep red flowers in the spring on slightly elongated pads with short white spines.

Zone 4



2a5

Opuntia polyacantha v. hystricina

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Porcupine Prickly Pear

This Prickly Pear was rescued from here, the County Fairgrounds. It has white spines and lemon yellow flowers.

Zone 5



2a6

Opuntia polyacantha v. hystricina

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Porcupine Prickly Pear

This Prickly Pear has golden spines. Yellow flowers in the spring.

Zone 5

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2b
Opuntia fragilis

Spineless Cats Paw

We have 3 varieties of *O fragilis*. Cat's Paw has very few spines but lots of glochids. Grows in mats 4 inches tall by 2 feet wide. Pink flowers in mid spring. Pads separate easily from the parent plant.

Zone 2



2b1
Opuntia fragillilis hybrid

Red Gem

Flat pads instead of round. Has the dark pink flowers of Spineless Cats Paw.

Zone 3



2b2
Opuntia fragilis

Little Gray Mound

Almost spineless *O. fragilis* with yellow flowers.

Zone 3



2b3

Opuntia fragilis

This *fragilis* is very spiny. The pads separate easily, living up to its name. It gets yellow flowers in late spring.

Zone 3

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2b4
Opuntia fragilis hybrid

-
"Black Cat"?

This hybrid has plump oval stems with dark spines.
Light pink flowers in late spring.
Zone 4



2c
Opuntia basilaris

-
Beaver Tail Prickly Pear

Can grow up to 2 feet by 2 feet with double flowered
pink (most common) or yellow blooms from spring to
early summer.

If it has yellow flowers it is likely

Opuntia aurea

Zone 4



2c
Opuntia basilaris

-
Beavertail Prickly Pear

This Beavertail is fast growing and this one gets white flowers.

Zone 4



2c1
Opuntia basilaris v. basilaris

-
Polka Dot Prickly Pear

Marginal for our cold hardiness zone. Ours has been
damaged by the cold 2 years in a row.

Will get watermelon colored flowers.

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2c2

Opuntia basilaris hybrid

-
Chocolate Bunny

A smaller variety of *O. basilaris*. Pink flowers. This smaller variety seems to be more winter hardy.
Zone 6 or



2e

Opuntia rhodantha

-
Snowball Prickly Pear

This prickly pear has just about the whitest flowers of any cactus. Flowers in the spring.
Zone 4



2e1

Opuntia rhodantha

-
Dark Knight Prickly Pear

Rich purple pads with brilliant fuchsia flowers in June.
10 inches tall by 4 feet wide.
Zone 4



2f

Opuntia phaeacantha hybrid

-
Mesa Melon Prickly Pear

A large *Opuntia*; 12 inches tall by 5 feet wide.
Melon pink flowers in June.
Zone 5

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2g

Opuntia violacea v. *macrocentra*

Purple Prickly Pear

Can get long dark spines with white tips on the edges of the pads. Yellow flowers with orange centers in the late spring.

Zone 5 or 6



2g1

Opuntia macrocentra

This prickly pear has very purple pads and black spines. It was brought up from El Paso, TX. Yellow flowers with red centers.

Zone 6



2h

Opuntia phaeacantha

Watermelon Prickly Pear

Don't know yet but bet it has pink flowers



2h1

Opuntia phaeacantha v. *woodsia*

Elongated green pads, with yellow flowers. Ours came from Albuquerque.

Zone 5

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2i

Opuntia phaeacantha

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Apache Prickly Pear

Forms a mounding cushion 8 to 12 inches tall. Dense reddish long spines with pink flowers
Zone 4



2j

Opuntia aurea

-

Combe's Winter Glow Beavertail

Pink flowers in spring.
Zone 4



2k

Opuntia arenaria

-

Rio Grande Prickly Pear

A small cactus from along the Rio Grande. 4" long pads with downward pointing spines. Yellow flowers are everblooming. 6 inches tall by 2 feet wide.
Zone 5



2l

Opuntia engelmannii

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Engelmann's Prickly Pear

This Prickly Pear has the largest pads, over a foot across. It has downward pointing spines. Yellow flowers followed by red fruit.
Zone 6

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3

Escobaria orcuttii

Solitary plant with short white spines. Salmon flowers in May. 3 to 6 inches tall by up to 6 inches wide.
Zone 5



3a

Corypantha vivipara also *Escobaria vivipara*

-

Spiny Star or **Beehive Cactus**

Small ball type that clumps quickly. Bright pink flowers in late spring. Fruit is green.
A local native.
Zone 4



3a1

Escobaria vivipara

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Clustering Spiny Star

This little Spiny Star comes from McHenry Co, ND. It should remain small; 2 inches tall and 6 inches wide. Magenta flowers mid to late spring.
Zone 4



3b

Escobaria sneedii

-

Sneed's Dwarf Snowball

Forms a small clump of 20 to 40 stems 3 inches tall and 6 inches wide. Small pink flowers in June.
Zone 4

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3c

Escobaria leei

-

Lee's Dwarf Snowball

Tiny. Forms a small clump of 20 to 40 pure white stems. 1 inch tall by 6 inches wide. Salmon pink flowers in June.

Zone 4



3d

Escobaria hesteri

-

Hesters Miniature Spiny Star

A very small Spiny Star; 1 inch by 3 to 4 inches. Magenta flowers in late spring

Zone 5



4

Coryphantha sulcata

-

Pineapple Cactus

Small globose plants with yellow flowers with red centers. Flowers only form at the apex (top new growth) of the plant. Re-blooms after a good rain.



5

Echinocactus texensis

-

Horse Crippler

Marginal for our area but pink flowers in the spring. One of the larger barrel types for our area.

Zone 6

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5a

Echinocactus horizonthalonius

-
Eagle's Claw Cactus

From the Chihuahua Desert including Southern NM. Marginal in our area and mostly lost to winter moisture. Pink flowers in the spring. Slow growing and does not offset to form clumps.

Zone 6



6

Agave parry v. neomexicana

-
New Mexico Century Plant

Grows up to 18 inches tall by 24 inches wide. Flowers only once and dies but the flower stalk can reach 12 feet tall.

Zone 5



6a

Agave harvardiana

-
Harvard's Century Plant

Can grow up to 30 inches tall and 3 feet wide. Flowers only once with greenish yellow flowers on a tall flower spike.



6b

Agave utahensis sso utahensis

-
Dwarf Utah Century Plant

Small; grows 6 to 8 inches tall and wide. Flowers only once and dies but sends out lots of pups before it does.

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Cylindropuntia imbricata

-

Tree Cholla

The average plant grows about 4 feet tall but can grow much larger. Magenta flowers in the summer. When the fruit ripens it turns yellow.

A local native.

Zone 4



7a

Cylindropuntia viridiflorus

-

Santa Fe Cholla

A rare Opuntia variety found in Santa Fe. Grows 3 to 4 feet high and wide with apricot or greenish flowers, blooming in mid-summer.

Zone 4



7b

Cylindropuntia davissi

-

Davis Cholla

This Cholla has white or yellowish spines. Flowers in summer and are greenish brown or yellowish brown

Zone 5



7c

Cylindropuntia whipplei

-

Whipple Cholla

A very short Cholla with greenish-yellow flowers in summer. From SE Utah

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7c1

Cylindropuntia whipplei

-

White Spines Cholla Snow Leopard

A Whipple Cholla with pure white spines. Yellow flowers in late spring.



7d

Cylindropuntia kleiniae

-

Klein's Cholla

This Cholla has slender long stems. Grows 3 to 5 feet tall. Dusty pink flowers in the summer.



7e

Cylindropuntia leptocaulis

-

Christmas Cholla

This small thin stemmed Cholla gets red fruits that resist into winter. Small yellow flower



7f

Cylindropuntia spinosior

-

Cane Cholla

Flowers in summer with magenta flowers. It will get 4 to 5 feet tall. Our specimen fell over when rescued from Prairie Dogs and has started over growing from the bottom.

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7g

Cylindropuntia acanthocarpa

-
Parrot Tulip Cholla

This Cholla is a Jeff Thompson discovery. It is large like *imbricata* but with fewer spines and variegated flowers.
Zone 5



9

Grusonia clavata

-
Devils Cholla

A local native. Very short Cholla at 3 inches tall but can form wide clumps. Clear lemon yellow flowers in summer.
Zone 4



9a

Grusonia clavata

-
Devils Cholla

This Devils Cholla has much larger stems than the more common ones and was found near Socorro, NM
The stems are about twice the size
Zone 5



10

Gymnocalycium baldianum

-
Chin Cactus

This one will need a little supplementary water during the spring and summer. 3 to 5 inches tall by 6 inches wide.
Red long blooming flowers.
Zone 7

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Pediocactus simpsonii v. minor

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Mountain Ball Cactus

The earliest bloomer. Pink flowers very early; March or April.

4 inches tall by 6 inches wide. From Jefferson Co. CO
Zone 4