

Opuntia littoralis

Coast Prickly Pear

PERENNIAL, CACTUS - evergreen.
To 4' high, to 10' spread.

Spiny pads have reddish leaves for
first few weeks.

Yellow to orange-yellow flowers -
late spring, summer.

Red edible fruit (tuna).

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub
and chaparral - southern
coastal area, southern Penin-
sular Range and into Mexico
below 1300'.

Full sun.

Tolerates some frost.

Water 1 x /month to keep pads
succulent.

Will hybridize with other *Opuntia*
species so should not be grown close
to non-native *Opuntia* species.



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