

Opuntia prolifera (now *Cylindropuntia prolifera*)

Coastal Cholla



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CACTUS

3 - 6' high, 3 - 6' spread. Upright.

Cylindrical segments with red-brown spines.

Flowers yellow-green, often tinted with purple - summer.

Fleshy green fruit is spineless.

Native habitat: ocean bluffs, inland coastal scrub below 1,000' - south coast, Channel Islands, Baja California and Guadalupe Island.

Full sun. Frost resistant.

Need good drainage.

Drought resistant, but good to water 1 x /month.

Good wren habitat.

Useful on slopes.

