

Opuntia basilaris

Beavertail Cactus



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PERENNIAL, SUCCULENT SHRUB

1-2' high, spreading to 5' wide

Evergreen, flattened cactus pads, no to few spines, many glochids
Flowers pink, purple, or red - spring

Native Habitat: high and low desert, sandy valleys and rocky slopes
- deserts of southwest USA, northwest Mexico

Full sun.

Well-drained sandy or gravelly soil, or sandstone

Drought tolerant; water 1x/month in summer

Good on slopes. Cold tolerant.

