

# Opuntia basilaris

## BEAVERTAIL PRICKLY PEAR

Their pads are oval, often heart-shaped with smooth powdery-blue to blue-green color. This species of Opuntia is quite variable in size and shape throughout their native range. Pads have no spines but rather wide spaced glochids that are typically cinnamon to black, less occasionally whitish in color. As if their physical texture was not alluring enough, in the spring large, rose-like blooms appear near the tops of many of the pads that are an eye-catching, radiant shade of magenta pink. Moderate to slow growing. Plant in well-drained, unimproved rocky or sandy soils.



### DESCRIPTION

 1-2 FT. x 2-6 FT.

 FULL SUN

 USDA ZONE 8-11

 NORTH AMERICA

 MAGENTA PINK

 LOW

 TO 15°F