

COMMON NAME:  
BEAVERTAIL CACTUS

SCIENTIFIC NAME:  
OPUNTIA BASILARIS

ALSO CALLED: BEAVERTAIL PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS

FLOWER COLOR: PINK-PURPLE  
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: ON EDGES OF PADS  
FLOWERING TIME: MARCH TO MAY  
NORMAL SIZE: 18" TO 36"  
NORMAL ELEVATION: 1500' TO 6000'  
HABITATION: FLAT GRAVEL PLAINS  
ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: SHORT THORNS RATHER THAN LONG THORNS AND PADS SHAPED LIKE A BEAVER'S TAIL