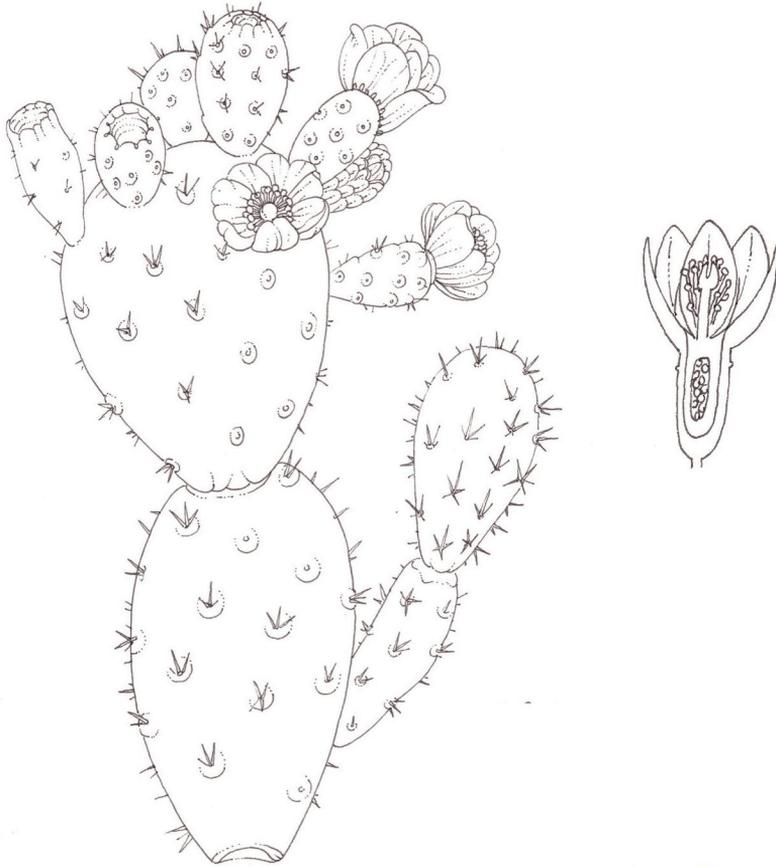


# Prickly Pear Cactus



**Common name:** Pricky Pear Cactus

**Scientific name:** *Opuntia ficus indica*

**Location:** Originally found in dry areas, but now in local gardens for decoration

**Description:** A succulent plant with flat leaves/pads with fine thorns. It bears a yellow flower and a bright fruit at the edge

**Herbal remedies:** The leaves are used for shampoo to treat dandruff. The vitamin-rich flesh is good to eat cooked. The flowers also produce a red dye used as colouring in cakes and jams

