

## Hedgehog

Can form a loose or dense cluster of green cylindrical arms; can grow as big as 20 inches often shorter than.

Magenta blooms from March to April, edible fruits to follow



## Common Cacti of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

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## Organ Pipe

Commonly grows on the rocky slopes between the mountains and the flats called the bajada. On the bajada the Organ Pipe has well drained rocky soil.

Organ Pipe and Saguaro both bloom May to June, followed by fruits in July



## Saguaro

Arizona state flower

Can be seen on the rocky bajada, and also well drained flats of the valley floor.

Can get as tall as 50 ft, more typically seen at about 30 ft



## Teddy Bear Cholla

Mainly shrubby, commonly growing 3 to 5 feet high

Spines silvery to golden when young, black when old

Joints detach very easily and cling to innocent passers-by, many claim the cactus "jumped" on them; both Chain Fruit and Teddy Bear Cholla are commonly called Jumping Cholla for this reason. Fallen joints of the Teddy Bear root quickly in the soil creating dense thickets.

## Chain Fruit Cholla

Young plants can be shrubby, more mature are tree like.

Can be seen in the hillsides but mainly in the flats at elevations ranging 1,000 to 3,000 feet

Seeds are rarely viable; plant reproduces by dropping joints and rooting into the soil.  
Blooms May to August



## Prickly Pear

Green to bluish green circular or oblong pads in upright or sprawling chains

Blooms April to June

Grows in sandy soils from 1,500 to 7,500 feet