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PLANTS Profile

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill. cochineal nopal cactus

Symbol: OPCO4
 Group: Dicot
 Family: Cactaceae
 Duration: Perennial
 Growth Habit: Tree
 Shrub
 Native Status: L48 I
 HI I
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Images:

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.

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Synonyms:

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.

CACO56 *Cactus cochenilliferus* L.

NOCO4 *Nopalea cochenillifera* (L.) Salm-Dyck

Distribution:

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.



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Related Taxa:

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.

View 51 genera in *Cactaceae*, 59 species in *Opuntia*

Classification:

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.

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Kingdom	<i>Plantae</i> – Plants
Subkingdom	<i>Tracheobionta</i> – Vascular plants
Superdivision	<i>Spermatophyta</i> – Seed plants
Division	<i>Magnoliophyta</i> – Flowering plants
Class	<i>Magnoliopsida</i> – Dicotyledons
Subclass	<i>Caryophyllida</i>
Order	<i>Caryophyllales</i>
Family	<i>Cactaceae</i> – Cactus family
Genus	<i>Opuntia</i> Mill. – pricklypear
Species	<i>Opuntia cochenillifera</i> (L.) Mill. – cochineal nopal cactus

Introduced Information:

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.

This plant is introduced to some part of the PLANTS Floristic Area, though it may be native in other parts. Click on link below for a partial or complete list of PFA introduced plants.

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Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.

View [species account and distribution map](#) from Flora of North America (FNA).

View [species account and distribution](#) from USF Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants.

View [species account](#) from ARS Germplasm Resources Information Network (GRIN).

View [taxonomic account](#) from Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) for ITIS Taxonomic Serial Number 19699.

Related Web Sites:

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.

[FL-South American Cactus Moth \(UofFL\)](#)

[Global Invasive Species Database](#)

[Jamaica-Introduction to the Cactus Moth](#)

[MS-Early Detection and Reporting of Cactus Moth](#)

[TX-Tracking the Cactus Moth](#)

[USDA ARS-South American Cactus Moth Control](#)

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