



# Cactus & Succulents



## Death Valley National Park

The Mojave Desert is rich with cacti and succulent species, yet in Death Valley National Park they are scarce due to the extremes of heat, dryness and soil salinity. Even so, cactus grow from an elevation of 400 feet above sea level to the summits of the surrounding mountains.

The cactus species most commonly seen are cottontop barrel, silver cholla, and beavertail cactus. Engelmann hedgehog cactus are locally abundant above 3000 feet elevation. Grizzly bear pricklypear is the most common species in the pinyon-juniper woodlands.

Joshua trees--the indicator species of the Mojave Desert--are found in only a few locations here. The Lee Flat area contains the finest stand in the park.

In contrast to other succulent species, pickleweed is very salt-tolerant and can be found in marshy areas below sea level.

### Barrel Cactus

#### California Barrel Cactus

*Ferocactus cylindraceus* var. *lecontei*

#### Cottontop Barrel Cactus

*Echinocactus polycephalus*

#### Mojave Pineapple Cactus

*Sclerocactus johnsonii*

#### Mojave Fishhook Cactus

*Sclerocactus polyancistrus*

### Hedgehog Cactus

#### Engelmann Hedgehog Cactus

*Echinocereus engelmannii*

#### Mojave Mound Cactus

*Echinocereus triglochidiatus*  
var. *mojavensis*

### Pincushion Cactus

#### Desert Spinystar

*Escobaria vivipara* var. *deserti*

#### Corkseed Fishhook Cactus

*Mammillaria tetrancistra*

### Pricklypear Cactus

#### Beavertail Cactus

*Opuntia basilaris*

#### Old Man Pricklypear

*Opuntia erinacea* var. *erinacea*

#### Grizzly Bear Pricklypear

*Opuntia erinacea* var. *ursina*

#### Mojave Pricklypear

*Opuntia mojavensis*

#### Brown-spined Pricklypear

*Opuntia phaeacantha* var. *major*

#### Plains Pricklypear

*Opuntia polycantha* var. *rufispina*

### Cholla Cactus

#### Silver Cholla

*Opuntia echinocarpa*

#### Pencil Cholla

*Opuntia ramosissima*

### Yuccas

#### Joshua Tree

*Yucca brevifolia*

#### Mojave Yucca

*Yucca schidigera*

### Other Succulents

#### Pickleweed

*Allenrolfea occidentalis*

#### Dead Man's Fingers (annual)

*Calandrinia ambigua*

#### Western Spring Beauty

*Claytonia lanceolata*

#### Panamint Live-forever

*Dudleya saxosa* ssp. *saxosa*

#### Bitterroot

*Lewisia rediviva*

#### Inkweed

*Suaeda moquinii*

