

# Austrocyllindropuntia cylindrica

## COMMON NAME

Cane Cactus

## SYNONYMS

Opuntia cylindrica

## FAMILY

Cactaceae

## AUTHORITY

Austrocyllindropuntia cylindrica (Lam.) Backeb.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## ETYMOLOGY

**cylindrica**: From the Latin cylindricus 'cylindrical, having nearly a true cylindrical form

## Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

## Life Cycle Comments

Long-lived perennial shrub

## Reproduction

Probably vegetative from discarded paddles. Fruits are formed but it is not clear if viable seed is produced.

## Seed

May not be formed in New Zealand

## Dispersal

As a cultivation escape and via illegal dumping of garden waste

## Tolerances

Drought and cold tolerant

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/austrocyllindropuntia-cylindrica/>

