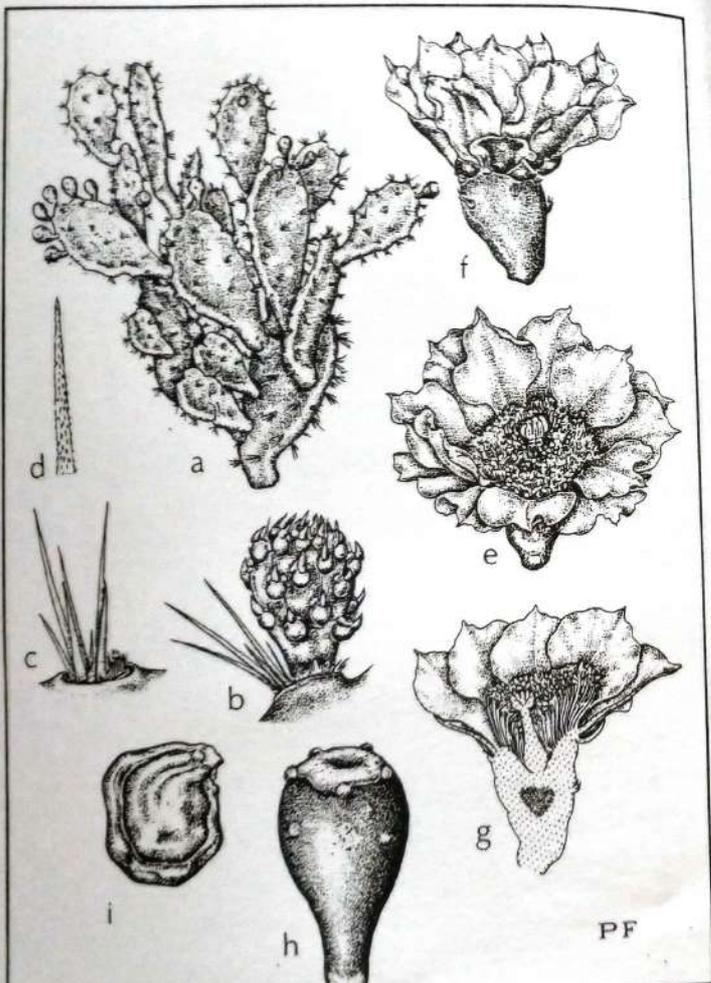


Fig. 95-8. *Opuntia dillenii* (Ker-Gawl.) Haw - a. habit; b. young joint; c. areole; d. glochid from areole; e. flower, from above; f. flower, side view; g. flower longitudinally dissected; h. fruit; i. seed (drawing by Priscilla Fawcett, FL. Bah. Arch.).



erect, and forming terete joints; joints green, glaucous, glabrous, obovate to oblong, 7-40 cm long, about 8 mm thick, not readily detached, the margin more or less undulate, the areoles rather few, slightly raised, bearing 1-4 (-10) stout, somewhat flattened, sometimes curved, yellow spines, 1-4 cm long, or spineless, the numerous glochids yellowish to brownish, up to 6 mm long; flowers often numerous, bright yellow or orange, about 7.5 cm broad, 7-8 cm long; petals broadly obovate, 4-5 cm long; fruit pyriform, red or purple, edible, 4-8 cm long, spineless.

Coastal sand and rocks, extending a few miles inland in the southern dry districts, at Cabeza de San Juan and at Punta Vacía Talega on the north coast, PR, Mona, Desecheo, Muertos, Icacos, Vieques; S.E. United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, West Indies, Mexico to northern South America, also Canary Islands, South India and Australia.

Higo de mar, Tuna, Tuna brava, Tuna de petate, Tuna de yagua; Prickly pear.

**O. ficus-indica** (L.) Miller, Gard. Dict. ed. 8. 1768.

*Cactus ficus-indica* L., Sp. Pl. 468. 1753.

Usually much-branched, nearly or quite unarmed, often with a definite jointed trunk, up to 4-5 m tall, usually with a large top; joints oblong to spatulate-oblong, elliptic to obovate-elliptic, flat, rather thick, 20-60 cm long and about half as broad as long; areoles small, the glochids yellow, soon dropping off; spines, when present, few, weak, white, 2 cm long or less; leaves subulate, green, 3 mm long; flowers large, normally bright yellow, 7-10 cm in diam.; fruit red or yellow, obovoid, 5-9 cm long, with small distant spineless areoles, with a low, depressed umbilicus.

Spontaneous after planting in the dry southern districts, PR; widely planted in tropical and subtropical regions; native of tropical America.

Higo chumbo, Tuna, Tuna de España; Tuna, Spineless tuna.

Fig. 95-

**O. moniliformis** (L.) Haw. in Steud., Nom. ed. 2, 2: 221. 1841  
*Cactus moniliformis* L., Sp. Pl. 468. 1753.  
*Cactus ferox* Willd., Enum. Suppl. 35. 1813.  
*Opuntia ferox* (Willd.) Haw., Suppl. Pl. Succ. 82. 1819.  
*Opuntia moniliformis* (L.) Schum., Gesamtb. Kakteen 75