PLANT FACT SHEET

Opuntia engelmannii var. laevis (Coult.) Felger, Verrier & Carnahan

GENUS *Opuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Smooth prickly pear, Spineless prickly pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a shrubby plant. It is low and dense with a few branches. It grows 1-2 m high. The stem segments are oblong and light green. They are 15-30 cm long. There are 1-3 spines in the upper spine buds. The flowers are yellow and 6-7 cm across. The fruit are oval and 5-7 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

NOTES

There are about 250 Opuntia species.

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