PLANT FACT SHEET

Epiphyllum phyllanthus (L.) Haw.

GENUS *Epiphyllum* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Alligator tail

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten fresh. They are sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent cactus. It grows attached to other plants but not feeding off them. The stems are flattened and branching. There are some aerial roots. Older plants have some spines. The flowers are tube shaped and occur singly. They open and night. The flowers have a scent. The fruit are narrowly oval. They are reddish-green and have an irregular surface. The sweet pulp has very small black seeds amongst it.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forests in Brazil. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are easily grow from cuttings.

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