PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinus ayacahuite Ehrenb. ex Schltdl.

GENUS *Pinus* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexican white pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A cone shaped pine tree. It grows to 24 m high. The bark has wide shallow cracks. They are pinkish. The lower branches are long and thin. The leaves are needles which are spread out and dull blue-green. They are long and slender and often bent near their base. They occur in groups of five. Male flowers are yellow and female flowers are red and upright on short stalks. The cones taper and they hang downwards. They are about 30 cm long. The young cones are green but ripe cones are orange-brown. The scales turn back near the base.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows at high elevations in Guatemala. It occurs between 2,000-3,300 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 8-11. Arboretum Tasmania. Canberra Forestry Department.

NOTES

There are over 100 species of Pinus.

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