PLANT FACT SHEET

Ferocactus viridescens (Torrey & A Gray) Britton & Rose

GENUS *Ferocactus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Coast barrel cactus, Green-stemmed viznaga, Keg cactus, San Diego barrel cactus, Sisal

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, bud

The fruit are slightly acid and eaten fresh.
The flower buds are eaten cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. Plants usually occur singly. They are 30 cm high and 30 cm wide. They are a flattened round shape. They are a glossy green colour. There are 13-34 ribs. There are 4-9 central spines which are yellow but turn grey. They are 5 cm long. There are 8-25 spines around these. The flowers are broad but bell shaped. They are yellowish green. They are 5 cm long and 6 cm wide. The fruit are green or red but turn yellow. They are 3.5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant.

PICTURES



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