PLANT FACT SHEET

Yucca carnerosana (Trel.) McKelvey

GENUS *Yucca* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Palma barreta

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers

The flowers (with the gynoecium and androecium) are cooked and eaten.
The young flower clusters are eaten, boiled or roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It develops a trunk 1.5-6 m high. It has a ring of long narrow leaves. The leaves are dark dull green and 60-110 cm long and 6-8 cm wide and 4-8 mm thick. They end in a sharp point. The flower stalk is 1 m long. The flowers are cream white. It can flower twice a year. The fruit grow along the upper part of the flower stalk.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows up to 3,000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or vegetatively. The plant is used as a hedge or live fence.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants can live for 50-75 years.

NOTES

The leaves are used for fibre.
Also put in the family Agavaceae.

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