PLANT FACT SHEET

Leucostele tunariensis (Cardenas) Schlumpb.

GENUS *Leucostele* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is pale green and shrubby and grows 3 m tall. The flowers are white and 17 cm long. The fruit are dark green and 4 cm long by 5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It occurs at about 3,800 m above sea level.

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