PLANT FACT SHEET

Lycium torreyi A. Gray

GENUS *Lycium* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Torrey desert Thorn, Squawthorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are dried and boiled with clay or sugar.
The fruit can be eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3 m tall. It can be spiny. It can form thickets. The leaves are sword shaped and 5 cm long. The flowers are funnel shaped and pale blue to white. They are 1.5 cm long. They are in groups in the axils of the leaves. The fruit is a juicy orange to red berry 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows in the desert and can be in salty soil.

NOTES

There are about 100 Lycium species.

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