PLANT FACT SHEET

Coryphantha vivipara (Nutt.) Engelm.

GENUS *Coryphantha* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Nipple cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are dried in the sun then eaten like dried currants.

DESCRIPTION

A small cactus. It is round or like a cylinder. It can be 13 cm high. The stems are 6 cm wide. It produces offsets to form clusters. There are about 16 spines which radiate out. There are 1-6 brown spines in the centre. They are all about 2 cm long. The flowers are pink or pale reddish-purple. They are 4 cm across. The fruit are berry like and red.

HABITAT

It needs bright light. It needs a temperature above 7°C to grow. Some varieties can stand temperatures down to -23°C, especially under snow.

PRODUCTION

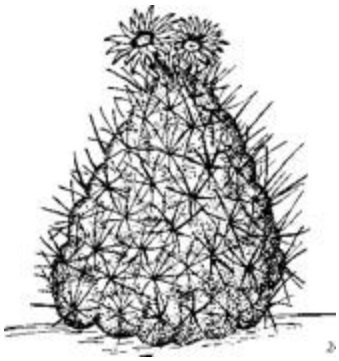
Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 45 Coryphantha species. Fruit are used in medicine.

PICTURES



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