PLANT FACT SHEET

Peniocereus serpentinus (Lagasca & J.D. Rodriguez) N.P. Taylor

GENUS *Peniocereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexican night-blooming cereus, Serpent cactus, Snake cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a shrubby plant. It can forms clumps with stems creeping over each other. The roots are tuberous. The stems are erect or slightly hang down. They are 3 m long and 2-5 cm wide. There are 10-12 ribs and these are slightly rounded. There are 10-12 spines which are 10-30 mm long. The flowers are funnel shaped and open at night. They are white with a pinkish tint. They are 25 cm long by 15 cm wide. The fruit are round or oval and 4 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

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