PLANT FACT SHEET

Pachycereus schottii (Engelm.) D. R. Hunt

GENUS *Pachycereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Senita, Totem cactus, Whisker cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is shrubby or treelike. It can form thickets of up to 100 stems. The stems are 1-3 m high. They are yellow-green and 5-10 cm across. There are 4-13 ribs. There are 1-3 central spines that are 1-3 cm long and 3-15 spines around these that are 0.5-1.5 cm long. There are false heads which can be 5 cm to 100 cm long and they have flexible grey spines. The flowers are funnel shaped on this false head and they open at night. They are white to pink and 4 cm long by 3 cm wide. The fruit are round, red and fleshy. They are 1-3 cm across.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant.

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