PLANT FACT SHEET

Edithcolea grandis N. E. Br.

GENUS *Edithcolea* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Persian carpet flower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems, Roots, Vegetable

The stems are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It does not have leaves and lies along the ground. It grows up to 30 cm tall. The stem is 2-3 cm across. It is 5 angled. The angles have hard brown spine like teeth. The flowers usually occur singly at the ends of branches.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in hot dry desert areas. It grows in sunny locations and sandy soils. It is damaged by frost or drought. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings. Cuttings root easily at 27°C. The soil needs to be well drained.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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