PLANT FACT SHEET

Harrisia balansae (K. Schumann) N.P. Taylor & Zappi

GENUS *Harrisia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. The plants can clamber and climb. They are often branched and can be 25 m long. The stems are 5 cm across. They are 3-4 angled with flat sides and acute angles and wavy. There is one central spine which is stout and 25 mm long. Around it there are 4-5 spines that are 4-5 mm long. The flowers are 20-25 cm long. The fruit are rounded and red. They are lumpy and without spines. They are 4-4.5 cm across. They are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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