PLANT FACT SHEET

Echinocereus enneacanthus Engelm.

GENUS *Echinocereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Strawberry cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh or preserved. They are also used for jam.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus which forms clusters. It tends to lie over. The stems are 20 cm long and 3-7 cm wide. There are 8-10 blunt ribs. The spine spots are white and round. They are 1 cm apart. There are 7-10 spines which radiate out. These are white and 1.5 cm long. There are 1-3 spines in the centre and these are 4-6.5 cm long and yellowish-brown. The flowers are pale purplish-red. They are 5-6 cm long and about 7 cm across. The fruit are round with pink flesh and a strawberry taste.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It needs a sunny position. It needs a temperature above 10°C. It grows in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 60 Echinocereus species.

PICTURES



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