PLANT FACT SHEET

Ferocactus emoryi (Engelm.) Orcutt.

GENUS *Ferocactus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Colville's barrel cactus, Emory's barrel cactus, Traveller's friend

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stem sap, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A large round cactus. It later becomes cylinder shaped. It can be 1.5 m high and 60 cm thick. It has 30-32 ribs. The spine spots are brown and oval and woolly. They are 2-3 cm apart. There are 5-8 white or red spines which radiate out. These are 6 cm long. The spine in the centre is flat and hooked and 8 cm long. The flowers open in the daytime. The flowers are near the crown of the plant. They are red with yellow tipped petals. They are 6-7 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It needs a sunny position. It needs a temperature above 10°C. Adelaide Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. It can grow in an arid zone.

NOTES

There are about 35 Ferocactus species.

PICTURES



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