PLANT FACT SHEET

Opuntia lasiacantha Pfeiff.

GENUS *Opuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Nopal de cerro

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Stems

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is succulent, spiny and shrub like. It grows 50-400 cm tall. The fruit are greenish-yellow with a reddish tint. They are 3.5-4.5 cm long and 2-3 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the desert and dry shrubland.

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