PLANT FACT SHEET

Escobaria vivipara Haw.

GENUS *Escobaria* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Cushion cactus, Ball cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers, Stems

The fruit are dried, boiled and eaten. They are also boiled fresh and eaten. The fruit are made into jam.
The flowers are eaten raw or cooked.
The stems are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small cactus. It is 3-9 cm high. It has clusters of 3-8 brownish spines. These are 14-20 mm long. The flowers are purplish-red. They are 40-50 mm across. The fruit are large and red. The fruit are the size of a grape and is green.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

NOTES

The fruit are used in medicine.

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