PLANT FACT SHEET

Austrocylindropuntia vestita (Salm-Dyck) Backeb.

GENUS *Austrocylindropuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Old man opuntia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a small shrub that keeps growing from year to year. It has a few white spines. The leaves are small and thin.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Argentina it grows between 1,500-3,000 m above sea level.

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