PLANT FACT SHEET

Echinocereus fendleri (Engelm.) Rumpler

GENUS *Echinocereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Fendler's hedgehog cactus, Fendler needle-spine hedghog, Kuenzler's cactus, Kuenzler's hedgehog

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten fresh, dried or used as sweetening.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is usually single but can form clumps. The stems are 10-15 cm long and 5-6 cm wide. They are dull or brownish-green. There are 9-12 ribs. The spine spots are 1-1.5 cm apart. There are about 8 spines which radiate out and these are brown and 1-2 cm long. There is one central spine which is larger. The flowers are purplish-violet. They are 8 cm long. The petals have teeth at the edges. The fruit are round and green but become red. They are fleshy and edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs full sunlight. It needs a temperature above 10°C. It suits hardiness zones 6-11. It grows in arid and desert places.

NOTES

There are about 60 Echinocereus species.

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