PLANT FACT SHEET

Echinocereus dasyacanthus Engelm.

GENUS *Echinocereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Golden rainbow hedgehog cactus, Chuhuahua, Texas rainbow cactus, Texas rainbow hedgehog, Yellow-flowered pitaya

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fully ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. Plants are usually single. The stems are almost round and taper towards the tip. They are 35 cm high and 13 cm across. They are covered with spines. There are 12-21 ribs. The flowers are often on the side of the stems. They are usually yellow but can be pink or purple. They are 5-15 cm across. The fruit are round and 3-4 cm across. They are green to greenish-purple. The spines on them fall off.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

NOTES

There are about 60 Echinocereus species.

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