PLANT FACT SHEET

Aechmea kuntzeana Mez

GENUS *Aechmea* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

COMMON NAMES Cardo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A plant which grows attached to other plants. It can grown in soil. It has an underground stem or rhizome. The leaves are in a ring. They are rigid and point upwards with a canal in the top side. They are 0.6-1 m long. There are spines along the edge. The flowering stalk sticks upwards. It has many flowers. There are also long bracts. The fruit is made up of several cells.

HABITAT

It grows in areas with 1,000 mm of rain per year. It grows between 200-450 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 172 Aechmea species and many cultivated varieties.

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