PLANT FACT SHEET

Espostoa lanata (Kunth) Britton & Rose

GENUS *Espostoa* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Cotton ball, Peruvian old man cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They are sweet and juicy.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It grows like a column or tree. It is woolly. It has prickles. The stems are 7 m tall and 10 cm across. The fruit are juicy and white with pink scales. The fruit are 3-4 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on dry hills between 250-3,000 m above sea level. It is best in full sun and a well-drained soil. It needs a pH between 6-7.5. Queen Sirikit BG.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

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