PLANT FACT SHEET

Euphorbia trigona Haw.

GENUS *Euphorbia* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES African milk tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

Caution: All Euphorbias or spurges have irritating sap and many have chemicals that can cause cancer.
A sweetmeat is made from the leaves. They are boiled with sugar and the latex removed. (Euphorbia trigona)

DESCRIPTION

A small succulent, cactus-like shrub. It grows 1-1.8 m high. The branches are erect and triangle shaped. They are dark green and mottled with white. The spines are reddish-brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. In Townsville palmetum.

NOTES

There are about 2000 Euphorbia species. Most Euphorbias have sap which irritates the skin.

PICTURES



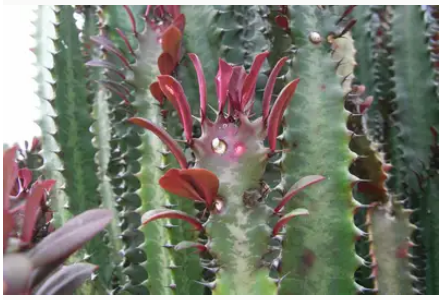
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