PLANT FACT SHEET

Greigia sphacelata (Ruiz & Pav.) Regel

GENUS *Greigia* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

COMMON NAMES Chupon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw and taste like an apple.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.5 m high. It does not have a stem but the leaves are 2 m long and in a ring. The inner leaves are erect and the outer leaves curve. They are 3 cm wide and have a few sharp spines at the tip. Leaves are more pale underneath. There are teeth along the edge. The flowering shoots are at the side and have many flowers. The fruit is pulpy and white with many black seeds.

HABITAT

In Chile it grows in coastal areas from sea level to 500 m altitude. It grows in humid areas with constant rainfall. It can tolerate some shade. It suits hardiness zone 9. It can tolerate some frost.

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