PLANT FACT SHEET

Cereus hildmannianus K. Schum.

GENUS *Cereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Hildmania cactus, Orange apple cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, stem, Stems, flower

The pulp of the ripe fruit is eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree like cactus. It grows 8-15 m high. It has an open crown shaped like a branched candle stick. The flowers are 18-25 cm long and white. They open at night. The fruit has an orange skin. The fruit are 6-12 cm long by 5-10 cm wide. The are orange yellow with black seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on thin rocky soils. It grows in dry and arid climates. It can tolerate light frosts. It needs full sun but can tolerate low rainfall.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seeds are separated from ripe fruit and planted fresh. Seeds take 30-50 days to germinate. Plants can be grown by cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

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