PLANT FACT SHEET

Cereus marginatus DC.

GENUS *Cereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Organ pipe cactus, Mexican fence post cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A large cactus. It grows 6 m tall and can be 10 cm across. The stems are straight and like columns. It can branch at the base. There are 5-7 ribs and a long central spine with 5-9 spines around it. The flowers are pink or greenish-white. They grow along the edges of the ribs. The fruit is small and spiny. They are yellowish to dark red. they are about 1 cm across. They are sweet and have many black seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in full sun.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings.

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