PLANT FACT SHEET

Cylindropuntia fulgida (Engelmann) F.M. Knuth

GENUS *Cylindropuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Jumping cholla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Stem, bud

The fruit are eaten raw. They can also be used in jellies and drinks.
The buds, fruit and joints are baked in a pit then eaten.
A gummy sap from the stem can be eaten raw. It is also boiled, roasted or mixed with water to make a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is like a tree. It has many branches and a spreading crown. It is 1-3 m high. The trunks are branching. The stem segments are spiny all over. They are grey-green but turn blackish. The end segments are easily removed. They are 6-23 cm long and 2-3.5 cm wide. The flowers are pink to red and open in the late afternoon. The fruit are a cone shape and in long chains hanging down. They are fleshy, grey-green and almost without spines. They are 2-5.5 cm long by 1.3-4.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in woodland and on rocky hills. It needs full sun. It needs temperatures above 10°C. It will tolerate temperatures down to -10°C. It suits hardiness zones 7-11. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from joints which drop off. Plants can be grown from cuttings.

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