PLANT FACT SHEET

Soehrensia schickendantzii (F.A.C. Weber) Schlumob.

GENUS *Soehrensia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a shrubby plant and can be single but is often branched and forming clumps. The stems are slender and cylinder shaped. They are a shiny light green. They can be 15-25 cm long and 6 cm wide. There are 14-18 ribs and these are low and notched. The buds for the spines are close together. The spines are flexible and 1 cm long. There are 4 spines in the centre and 9 around the edges. The flowers are at the tips of the stems and are funnel shaped and white. They are 20-22 cm long and do not have a scent. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

PICTURES



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