PLANT FACT SHEET

Cylindropuntia acanthocarpa (Engel. & Big.) F.M. Knuth

GENUS *Cylindropuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Buckthorn cholla, Colorado desert cholla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bud

The flower buds are eaten after roasting.
The fruit are gathered and eaten fresh or dried and stored.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. A shrubby or tree-like plant. It can have few or many branches. They are 1-4 m long. The stem segments are firmly attached. They are cylinder shaped and 10-50 cm long by 2-3 cm across. The buds are round and have white wool. The small barbed spines are yellow or brown. There are 6-20 spines. The flowers can be red or yellow. They are 2-3 cm long. The fruit are dry and light brown.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in arid and desert places.

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