PLANT FACT SHEET

Harrisia martinii (Labour.) Britton

GENUS *Harrisia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Harrisia cactus, Moon cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit pulp is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. The stems are much branched and tangled together. They can be 3 m long and 3-4 cm wide. The fruit are 2-4 cm across and red. They may or may not have spines.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

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