PLANT FACT SHEET

Mammillaria mammillaris (Linnaeus) Karsten

GENUS *Mammillaria* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.
The plant yields a milky juice that is sweet and wholesome.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It can occur singly or in clumps. The stems are rounded or short cylinder shape. They are green and shiny. They are 20 cm across. There are 3-5 central spines with dark tips and 7-8 mm long. Then 10-16 spines around these. They are 5-8 mm long. The flowers are funnel shaped and creamy white. They are 10-12 mm long. The fruit are club shaped and red. They are 10-20 mm long. The seeds are small, brown and rough.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical America.

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