PLANT FACT SHEET

Pereskiopsis aquosa (F.A.C. Weber) Britton & Rose

GENUS *Pereskiopsis* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Water tunas

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used to make drinks and preserves.
They are also boiled and eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a shrub or tree like plant. It has branches. It can grow 2-4 m high. It can have a distinct trunk. The stems are green and 1-2.5 cm across. The leaves are oval and 3.5-8 cm long by 2.5-3.2 cm wide. They taper to the tips. There are 1-4 spines. They are 0.5-3.6 cm long. The flowers are at the ends of the branches. They are golden yellow with a reddish tint. They are 10-16 cm long by 6-7 cm wide. The fruit are pear shaped and yellowish-green. They are 6-13 cm long and 1.6-3.5 cm wide. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in central Mexico.

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