PLANT FACT SHEET

Epiphyllum polyanthus (L.) Haw.

GENUS *Epiphyllum* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Pitajaya morada

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It grows on other plants. The main stem is cylindrical. The secondary stalks are 30-50 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. They are green. The flowers come out at night. They are white. The fruit are a dark red colour. The pulp is white. There are many black seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical and subtropical places.

NOTES

There are about 20 Epiphyllum species.

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