PLANT FACT SHEET

Opuntia anacantha Speg.

GENUS *Opuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The inner flesh is eaten when unripe and the fruit when ripe.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a small shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. The flowers are yellow. The fruit are bright red.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

Not in The Plant List.

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