PLANT FACT SHEET

Epiphyllum anguliger (Lemaire) D. Don

GENUS *Epiphyllum* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Moon cactus, Queen of the night

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It grows attached to other plants. The main stems are cylinder shaped or can have 3 angles at the base. The side stems are sword shaped and flattened. They are slightly fleshy and green. They have an obvious midrib. The edges have teeth and lobes. They can be 1 m long and 4-8 cm wide. The spine buds can have 1 or 2 small bristles. The flowers are 15-18 cm long by 10-13 cm wide and have a scent. The flowers are yellow on the outside and white in the centre. The fruit are like gooseberries.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreen oak forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

Presumably in Slovenia in a hot house.

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