PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Opuntia sulphurea* Gillies ex Salm-Dyck

**GENUS** *Opuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, stem

The fruit are eaten fresh and for drinks.

## DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is succulent and spiny. It grows as a shrub with several branches. It grows 30 cm tall and can form clumps 1-2 m wide. The pads can be 30 cm long by 13 cm wide. The flowers are bright yellow. The fruit are yellow to red and are 3.5 cm long.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Argentina it grows between 500-3,000 m above sea level. It grows in desert or dry shrubland.

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