PLANT FACT SHEET

Grusonia clavata Englmn.

GENUS *Grusonia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Club cholla, Dagger cholla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems, Fruit

The stems are fruit are roasted in times of food shortage. They are slimy.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus which forms clumps. The stems are 7 cm long and 2-3 cm wide. It is oval in shape. There are barbed bristles and spines. The spines are white. About 10 radiate and are 1.5 cm long and 4-8 in the centre are 3 cm long. The flowers are golden yellow. They are about 4 cm long. The fruit are barrel shaped and yellow. They are fleshy and 3-4.5 cm long by 1.5-2.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It needs bright light. It needs a temperature above 7°C. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

NOTES

There are about 250 Opuntia species. It is used in medicine.

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