PLANT FACT SHEET

Austrocylindropuntia subulata (Muehlenpf.) Backeberg

GENUS *Austrocylindropuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Cholla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An erect cactus. It is treelike. It grows 2-4 m high. The stems are 6-10 cm thick and branching. The stems and joints have lumps over them. The leaves on the upper stem are like half cylinders. These are 10 cm long. There are 1 or 2 pale yellow spines up to 8 cm long in a spine spot. The flowers are reddish. They are 2 cm wide. The fruit are oval and 10 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs bright light. It needs a temperature above 10°C. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

NOTES

There are about 250 Opuntia species.

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