PLANT FACT SHEET

Pilosocereus pachycladus F. Ritter

GENUS *Pilosocereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue torch cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Stem

DESCRIPTION

A cactus with columns. It is blue-green in colour. It can grow 10 m tall. The branches are 11 cm wide. They have 6-10 ribs with spines. The flowers are funnel shaped and white with green or red outer segments. They are 7.5 cm long by 4.5 cm wide. The fruit are reddish-purple and a flattened round shape.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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