PLANT FACT SHEET

Leucostele atacamensis (Phil.) Schlumpb.

GENUS *Leucostele* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

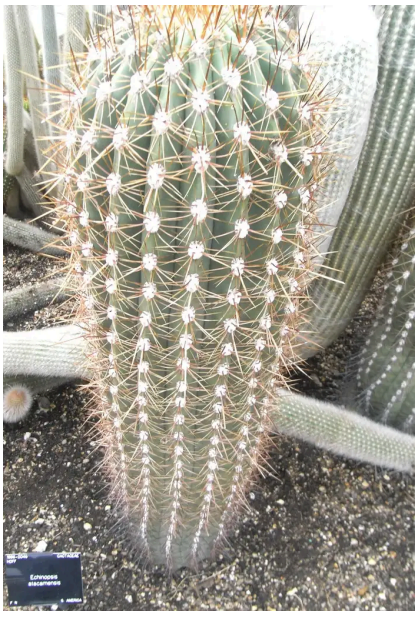
DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a tree-like plant. It produces small side branches. It can grow 10 m high. The stems are cylinder shaped and 7 cm across. There are 20-30 ribs. There are 50-100 spines in groups. They can be 28-30 cm long. The flowers are borne on the side. They are white with a red tint. They are 10-14 cm long. The fruit are round and dark green. They are covered with dense hairs. They are 5 cm across. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PICTURES



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