PLANT FACT SHEET

Cleistocactus candelilla Cardenas

GENUS *Cleistocactus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Candelilla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit pulp is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus plant. It is shrubby. It grows 1.5 m tall. The stems are cylindrical. They are 3 cm across. There are 11-12 ribs. There are 3-4 slightly flattened yellowish brown spines. They are 10-25 mm long. The pads have spines. The flowers are like tubes. They are slightly curved and have white edges. The fruit is round. They are 1 cm across. The pulp is white. There are many black seeds inside.

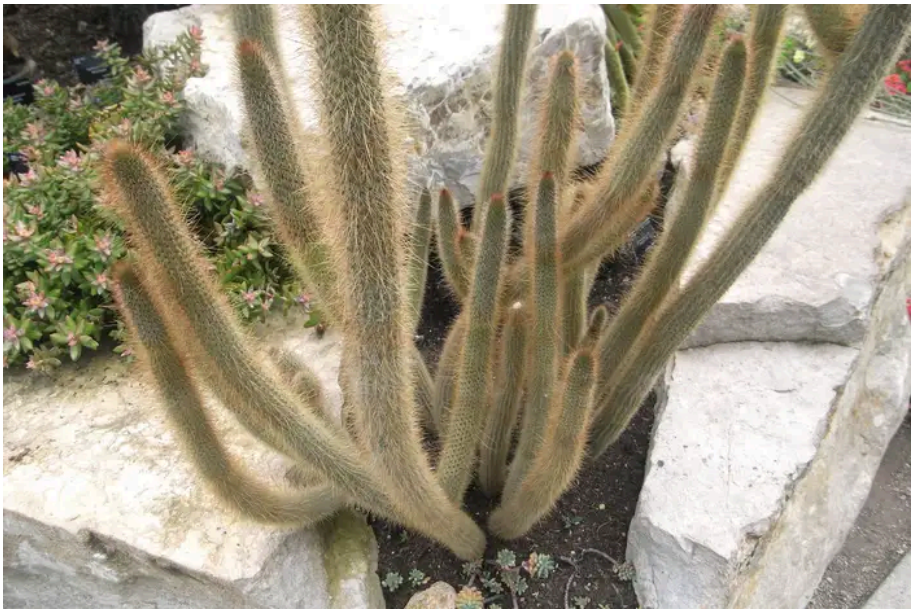
HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are 48 Cleistocactus species.

PICTURES



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