PLANT FACT SHEET

Consolea moniliformis (L.) A. Berger

GENUS *Consolea* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree like cactus. It can be 5-7 m tall. It has a single, erect, round spiny trunk. There are oblong, flattened spiny pads or joints. The leaves are replaced by clusters or sharp slender spines. The flowers occur singly and erect on the edges of the pads. The fruit is pear shaped and spiny. It is green or red and 6 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Puerto Rico it grows from sea level up to 200 m above sea level.

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