PLANT FACT SHEET

Disocactus biformis (Lindl.) Lindl.

GENUS *Disocactus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. Plants branch freely. The stem in long and cylindrical. The stems are flat and leaflike. They are 20 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers occur singly and along the side. They are funnel shaped and curve upwards. They are red and 5-6 cm long. The fruit are bright red colour. They are flask shaped. There are many seeds in a soft pulp. The pulp is purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are 19 Epiphyllum species.

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