PLANT FACT SHEET

Monvillea cavendishii (Monville) Briton & Rose

GENUS *Monvillea* **FAMILY** Montiaceae

COMMON NAMES Pitajayita

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It grows in soil. The upright stalks are 2-3 m high. They are 3-4 cm across. They are thorny. The flowers come out at night. They are 8 cm long. The fruit are red and pale green inside.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It will grow in dry locations. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 20 Monvillea species. They occur in tropical South America.

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