PLANT FACT SHEET

Corryocactus brevistylus (K. Schum.) Britton & Rose

GENUS *Corryocactus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Guacalla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree like cactus. It is a shrub. It grows 5 m high. The stems have sharp thorns. The flowers are yellow. The fruit are light green when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Chile it grows from low altitudes to 3,500 m above sea level. It grows in dry, arid areas. The rainfall is 100-300 mm in winter. It grows in full sun. It suits hardiness zone 9. It can tolerate occasional light frosts.

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