PLANT FACT SHEET

Epiphyllum oxypetalum (de Candolle) Haworth

GENUS *Epiphyllum* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Dutchman's pipe cactus, Queen of the night

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flower is dried and eaten in a vegetable soup.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen succulent plant. It grows 2 m high. The stems are cylinder shaped. The branches are flat and notched. They are 15-40 cm long by 5-6 cm wide. They are wavy along the edge. It does not have spines. It does not have leaves. The flowers are white and like a water-lily flower. They come out at night.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in evergreenforests in central America between 75-2,000 m above sea level. In China it grows between 1,000-1,200 m altitude in Yunnan. It suits light, sandy, well-drained soils. It is grown in an open, sunny position. It is resistant to drought but damaged by frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or offsets. Seeds germinate best at a temperature of 20°C and good light conditions.

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