PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinus cembroides Zucc.

GENUS *Pinus* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexican pinyon, Mexican Nut Pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seeds are eaten fresh or roasted. They are also ground into flour and used in cakes. They are also made into nut butter.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows to 8 m high. It spreads 4.5 m wide. The crown is rounded. The leaves are short and grey-green. The cones are pale yellow and oval.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. Plants will grow on most soils. They need wind protection. It does well in arid soils. It cannot tolerate temperatures below -5°C. It suits hardiness zones 7-8.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are easily grown.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees grow slowly. They take 20 years to produce significant crops. Often they only produce a significant crop every 3-4 years.

NOTES

There are over 100 species of Pinus.

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