PLANT FACT SHEET

Ferocactus pilosus (Galeotti ex Salm-Dyck) Werderm.

GENUS *Ferocactus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexican lime cactus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers, Stems

The fruit are eaten raw.
The stems are cooked.
The flowers are eaten with sugar.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It can grow singly or occur as a clump. The stems are column shaped and 3 m tall and 50 cm across. There are 13-20 ribs which become more rounded as the plant matures. There are red or yellow spines. These can be 5 cm long. The flowers are in circles around the stem tips. They are 4 cm long and 2.5 cm across. The fruit is oval and yellow and 3.4 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on rocky limestone hillsides and dry and open areas. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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