PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Pachycereus pringlei* (S. Watson) Britton & Rose

**GENUS** *Pachycereus* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Cardon, Elephant cactus

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Seeds, Flowers

The seeds are eaten roasted. They are also toasted an ground and mixed with salt as an oily paste.
The fruit can be eaten fresh or preserved. They are also used for a drink.
Ripe and unripe fruit are mixed together and the juice extracted to makes sticky cakes.
The flowers are eaten fresh.

## DESCRIPTION

A branched upright cactus. It is tree like. It grows 13 m tall and with a main trunk 60 cm across. The mature branches have few spines. There are 10-16 rounded ribs. They bear flowers which are white and 8 cm long. They are bell or funnel shaped. They open at night. The colour of the fruit pulp can vary.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on rocky hillsides and deep alluvail soil. It needs bright light. It needs a temperature above 10°C. It will not tolerate frost. It can grow in arid places. Melbourne Botanical Gardens. Adelaide Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

## PRODUCTION

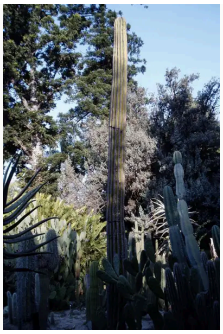
### Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

## PICTURES



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