PLANT FACT SHEET

Opuntia pilifera F. A. C. Weber

GENUS *Opuntia* **FAMILY** Cactaceae

COMMON NAMES Nopal

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stem, Fruit

The stem is eaten cooked in soups and stews and roasted.
The fruit are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A cactus. It is a shrub.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants take 5-10 years before harvesting.

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