PLANT FACT SHEET

Tulbaghia alliacea L. f.

GENUS *Tulbaghia* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild garlic

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stems, Flowers, Vegetable

The leaves and stems and cooked and eaten.
They are also finely chopped and seasoned with salt and used as a relish.
The young leave are added to soups, stews and pickles.
The bulbs are cooked and eaten.
The flowers are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. It is a herb and forms clumps. It has a swollen rhizome up to 10 cm long and keeps growing from year to year. It grows up to 45 cm tall. The leaves are like straps. They form a ring at the base. They are 15-20 cm long and 1 cm wide. The flowers are in groups of 10-20. The flowers are olive green. They have an orange centre. The fruit is a capsule. it is 8 mm long. The seeds are triangle shaped and flat. They are black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It can grow in most soils.

NOTES

There are 22 Tulbaghia species. They are tropical from southern Africa.
Also put in the families Alliaceae and Liliaceae.

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