PLANT FACT SHEET

Talinum aurantiacum Engl.

GENUS *Talinum* **FAMILY** Talinaceae

COMMON NAMES Orange Flameflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

The roots are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An erect showy herb. It has underground tubers. These can be straight or branches. They can be 10 cm long. The annual stems are thick and have a few branches. They can be 15-30 cm tall. The leaves are flat and narrow. They are 8 cm long and alternate. They do not have leaf stalks. The flowers have 5 petals. They open on hot afternoons. The flowers are about 1.5 cm across. They are self fertile.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows well between 1,300-2,000 m altitude in Texas. It grows in grassland plains.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 50 Talinum species. They grow in warm places.
Also put in the family Portulacaceae.

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