PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Rhodophiala gilliesiana (Herb.)

GENUS *Rhodophiala* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Ajo silvestre, Ajo del diablo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulb

The bulb is eaten cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. The flowers are at the top of the shoots and yellow. They have 6 petals arranged like a star and a red centre.

HABITAT

It grows on the Patagonian steppe in Argentina.

NOTES

It is also put in the family Liliaceae

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