PLANT FACT SHEET

Conanthera bifolia Ruiz. & Pav.

GENUS *Conanthera* **FAMILY** Tecophilaeaceae

COMMON NAMES Illmu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulbs

The bulbs are boiled or roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 40 cm high. The flowers hang along a stalk. They are purple with a dark yellow centre.

HABITAT

In Chile it grows from sea level to 2,000 m altitude. It can grow in drier areas with a winter rainfall of 400-800 mm. It also grows in humid areas with constant rain. It can tolerate some shade. It suits hardiness zone 8. It can tolerate slight frosts and occasional snow.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from bulbs.

NOTES

There are 5 Conanthera species in tropical America.

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