PLANT FACT SHEET

Brassica napus var. napobrassica (L.) Mill.

GENUS *Brassica* **FAMILY** Brassicaceae

COMMON NAMES Swede, Rutabaga, Swedish turnip, Yellow turnip

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Vegetable, Leaves

The tubers are cooked and eaten.
The leaves can be eaten cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A cabbage family plant. The plant has a round tap root which mostly have yellow flesh. The outside is often of various colours. It has a "neck" near the ground level and this helps distinguish it from a turnip. The leaves have a waxy appearance.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. They are not common in the tropics. They do best in the highlands and in the dry season. It suits hardiness zones 8-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 30 Brassica species and many cultivated varieties.

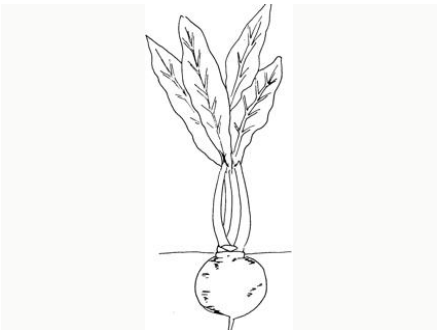
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