PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium scorodoprasum L.

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant garlic, Rocambole, Sand leek, Spanish garlic

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb, Vegetable, Spice

The bulbs are used for flavouring. They are also pickled.
The leaves are eaten raw in salads.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. It is a bulb plant. It grows 30-90 cm high and spreads 15-40 cm wide. The leaves are grass like. They are 25 cm long. There are 2-5 leaves on each bulb. The flowers are in small round heads. They are lilac or purple-red. There are also purple-red bulbils.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and Mediterranean climate plant. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

NOTES

There are about 300-700 Allium species. Most species of Allium are edible (Flora of China). All alliums are edible but they may not all be worth eating! They have also been put in the family Alliaceae.

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