PLANT FACT SHEET

Microtis unifolia (G. Forst.) Rchb. f.

GENUS *Microtis* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Onion-leaf orchis, Common onion-orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tubers, Flowers

The tubers are eaten raw or roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A robust orchid. The stem is 60 cm high. The leaf is 30-80 cm long and 0.9-1.2 cm wide. The leaf is long and like a tube. The leaf is dark green with a green base. The flower stem emerges through the side. It is 90 cm long. The flowers are pale green. There can be 100 flowers on one single flower spike. The spike is 2-15 cm long. The flowers are 0.4 cm across.

HABITAT

A subtropical to temperate plant. It grows in tussock grassland. In Sichuan. In East Timor it occurs at 1,800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seedlings can be grown by scattering seed around the base of established plants.

NOTES

There are 15 Microtis species.

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