PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Allium cyaneum Regel

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue onion

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulb

It is used as a spice or flavouring. It is dried for later use.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. A bulb plant which forms clumps. It grows 30 cm high. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves are grass like and very narrow. They are 2 mm wide. The flowers occur in clusters. There are 10-12 purple or blue flowers in a nodding head.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on the edges of forests and in meadows between 2,100-5,000 m above sea level in China. It suits hardiness zones 5-9. In Sichuan.

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.

PICTURES



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