PLANT FACT SHEET

Lilium superbum L.

GENUS *Lilium* **FAMILY** Liliaceae

COMMON NAMES Swamp lily, American turkscap, Turk's cap

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

The bulb is eaten cooked and also used to thicken soup.

DESCRIPTION

A bulb plant. It grows 2-2.5 m tall. The stems are purplish. They flowers are 8-10 cm across and curve back. They are reddish-orange and have maroon spots.

HABITAT

It is a cool temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 4-7.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by separating the scales of the bulbs. Plants can be grown from seed but these can take 2 years to produce small plants.

NOTES

There are about 100 Lilium species.

PICTURES



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