PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium macleanii Baker

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Oriental Royal Salep

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb

The bulbs are eaten raw or cooked.
The leaves are eaten raw or cooked.
The flowers are used raw to flavour salads.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. A bulb plant. It grows to 1 m high. The bulbs are 2 - 6 cm across. They have papery coats. The leaves are green and at the base and up to 8 cm across. The flower stems grow 1 m long. The stems have distinct ribs. The flowers are star shaped and purple.

HABITAT

It is native to Afghanistan and central Asia. It grows naturally on gentle slopes at low altitudes to 1200 metres in Afghanistan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by dividing the clumps.

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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