PLANT FACT SHEET

Bulbinella hookeri (Colenso ex Hook.) Cheeseman

GENUS *Bulbinella* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

COMMON NAMES Maori onion

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

The bulbs are boiled with salt then eaten.

DESCRIPTION

It grows to 90 cm high and spreads 60 cm wide. It has fleshy roots. The leaves are like straps. The leaves are tall and blue-green. The flowers are bright yellow. They are in the upper third of the flower stalks.

HABITAT

It grows in the mountain areas in New Zealand. It is best in light, well-mulched, well-drained soils. It can grow in partly shaded positions. It is resistant to drought and frost. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be raised from seed. It can also be grown by division of the plant.

NOTES

There are 20 Bulbinella species. Most are in South Africa and 6 in New Zealand.
Also put in the family Asphodelaceae.

PICTURES



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