PLANT FACT SHEET

Dietes bicolor (Steud.) Sweet ex Klatt

GENUS *Dietes* **FAMILY** Iridaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow wild iris

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bulb

DESCRIPTION

A herb that has a bulb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 80 cm high and spreads 1 m wide. The leaves are narrow and sword shaped. The flowers are like iris flowers and pale yellow with brown blotches. The fruit is a club shaped capsule.

HABITAT

It can grow in temperate or tropical places. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by division of the underground stem.

PICTURES



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