PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Allium obliquum* L.

**GENUS** *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Twistedleaf garlic, Oblique onion

## 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.

## DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. A bulb plant. It grows to 60 cm high. It has a single bulb. The bulbs are 2-3 cm across. The covering is pale brown. It is hard and leathery. The leaves are broad and straight. They are 5-20 mm wide. The scape is 60-100 cm and covered with leaf sheaths for about /12 the length. The flower head is round and has many flowers.

## HABITAT

It is a cool temperate plant. It grows naturally in meadows and wooded slopes in Siberia. It prefers a sunny position and a light well drained soil. It can grow in damp acid soils. In grows in N China.

## 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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