PLANT FACT SHEET

Allium ramosum L.

GENUS *Allium* **FAMILY** Amaryllidaceae

COMMON NAMES Fragrant onion, Chinese leek

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Root, Bulb

The leaves are eaten raw or used to flavour other foods. They are boiled in soups.

DESCRIPTION

An onion family plant. It is a bulb plant. The bulbs occur in clusters. The skin is dull yellow to yellow brown. It has a netlike appearance. The leaves are narrow. They are 1.5-8 mm wide and 3 angled. The scape is 25-60 cm long. It is covered with the leaf sheaths only at the base. The flower head is half round. The flowers are white with red stripes.

HABITAT

It is a temperate climate plant. It grows in sunny hill pastures between 500-2100 m altitude in N China.

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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